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1 Introduction

Purpose

The Ministry of Community Development, Cooperatives, and Volunteers (MCDCV) compiled this inventory of funding programs as a resource to community groups and initiatives.

Scope

The inventory identifies and briefly describes community development funding programs offered by the provincial government, the federal government, foundations, businesses (companies and co-operatives), and non-profit organizations. The scope does not include programs for individuals or programs which are available only in one community.

For the purposes of this inventory, "community development" is defined as "action by people locally to enhance social, economic, and environmental conditions in their communities."

Organization of inventory

This inventory organizes programs in three categories: provincial government, federal government, and non-government.

For each program, the inventory provides the following information:

- Overview
- Mandate and objectives
- Intended beneficiaries
- Eligible costs and activities
- Application process
- Decision making and accountability structure
- Annual volume of funds allocated
- Contact.

Summary charts for programs in each of the three categories are provided as an appendix.

2 Provincial Programs

BC Hydro: BusinessCARE™

Overview

BusinessCARE™ is a locally led business retention and expansion program that helps communities to understand the issues and opportunities facing their business community and to identify activities they can undertake to help these businesses thrive.

BusinessCARE™ is about partnering and working together on local economic development. While BC Hydro provides the necessary program preparation and training for the community, various community organizations and volunteers cooperate to deliver BusinessCARE™.

During the months the community will spend implementing the program, a BC Hydro BusinessCARE™ resource person will provide:

- an initial information meeting to explain the program to communities and sponsoring organizations
- program manuals and supporting resource materials, including templates for letters and press releases
- training on how the program works and how to implement it
- a professionally developed questionnaire to survey local businesses
- input of the interview data into a specially developed database, and statistical analysis of that data
- technical assistance throughout the program, including the preparation of the final report and action plan
- cost-sharing with the community on a portion of the total costs.

BC Hydro also offers a BusinessCARE™ visitation program, for communities that have a strategy to support local business, but want to update relationships and take action to assist business.

BusinessCARE has been completed in Kamloops, Kelowna, Vernon, and Ladysmith, and visitation programs are underway in Chilliwack, Nanaimo, and Victoria.

Kamloops became the first BusinessCARE™ pilot community in 1997. As a result of the BusinessCARE™ program, 49 businesses in Kamloops were directly assisted, from zoning assistance for business expansion to electrical surge mitigation. Several programs were established to improve or enhance services to business. Examples include: business information, employee training, and export and Internet marketing seminars.

The Economic Development Association of Canada (EDAC) has awarded its First Place Community Economic Development Award to the Kamloops Economic Development Corporation (KEDCo) for its BusinessCARE™ initiative. Kamloops plans to use BusinessCARE™ as a marketing tool to recruit new investment, develop business assistance initiatives and to establish long-term business relationships in the community.

Dawson Creek's BusinessCARE™ initiative began in June 1998. The local resource team consists of representatives from Community Futures, the Dawson Creek & District Chamber of Commerce, Northern Lights College, the City of Dawson Creek, Peace Community Skills Centre, seven local business and community representatives and BC Hydro. The resource team released its action plan to the community in March 1999 and is implementing locally developed initiatives to support the business community.

Mandate and objectives

The program mandate is to facilitate business retention and expansion, focusing on the existing business base. The specific objective is to create community-level strategic plans.

Intended beneficiaries

Communities in BC Hydro's service territory.

Eligible costs and activities

Covers costs up to approximately $25,000 (of total project costs). BC Hydro pays a contractor to do a survey, covers materials costs (e.g., manuals provided by BC Hydro), and cost-shares for communications activities.

Application process

Continuous intake (waiting list).

Decision making and accountability structure

In the past, selection has been done by expression of interest by communities. Now BC Hydro uses a waiting list, and selects communities where active partnerships and teamwork exist at the local level.

Each project is directed by a leadership team (includes up to five people, each with specific roles), a task force (includes up to 30 people representing organizations with a mandate or interest in economic development), and volunteers.

Annual volume of funds allocated

$50,000 per year (as of 1999-2000)

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BC Hydro: Outreach Programs

Overview

BC Hydro's community investment and partnership programs throughout BC are coordinated by the Outreach Programs department. Outreach administers the following funding programs:

- corporate and regional donations;
- BC Hydro provincial scholarships; and
- BC Hydro Employees' Community Services Fund (HYDRECS) (employee donations to registered charitable organizations).

BC Hydro's support for health and social services is focused through the United Way and the HYDRECS fund. Each year Hydro contributes to 18 United Way funds in BC.

Mandate and objectives

Corporate and regional donations are a way for BC Hydro to give back to the community. There are four key funding areas:

- Aboriginal (especially educational programs);
- arts and culture (education, special programming for youth, and others);
- education; and
- environment.

Intended beneficiaries

Target groups are generally not specified, aside from Aboriginal people (see above).

Eligible costs and activities

Preference is given to organizations that:

- are registered charitable organizations demonstrating community support and involvement;
- are compatible with Hydro's corporate objectives and strategic initiatives;
- make a significant contribution to the well-being and vitality of community life in B.C.; have measurable impacts and achievements; and
- provide opportunities for Hydro employees and retirees to contribute their volunteer time to enhance the effort being funded.

The following are not eligible for support:

- individuals;
- organizations, projects and other activities outside BC;
- advertising and promotions;
- reducing or donating the cost of electricity services (this is prohibited by the BC Utilities Commission);
- tickets for contests, raffles or other fund-raising activities with prizes;
- churches, synagogues or other religious groups;
- fraternal organizations, commercial solicitors or third parties (professional fund-raisers) raising funds for a charity (as opposed to co-funders);
- reducing debts or past operating ventures;
- political or partisan organizations;
- endowment funds;
- health and social assistance organizations;
- talent and beauty contests;
- named academic chairships or fellowships;
- research; and
- requests that may have been sent to various organizations.

Application process

BC Hydro accepts requests for donations on a continuous basis. It provides a list of contents that should be included.

Decision making and accountability structure

Regional donations (six regions): responsibility of the Regional Community Relations Manager, who forms committees of staff members (limited to $5,000). Anything between $5,000 and $10,000 goes to a Vice President at headquarters. Requests over $10,000 go to a Board committee.

HYDRECS: Employees direct their donations to special projects or to charities of their choice. Undirected funds are allocated by a committee of 15-17 employees. The committee selects special projects each year to receive up to a maximum of $250,000.

Annual volume of funds allocated

In 1999 corporate donations were for $1.5 million, including scholarships.

In 1999 HYDRECS donations were approximately $800,000.

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Fisheries Renewal British Columbia: Development and Diversification Program

Overview

Fisheries Renewal BC funds projects that develop and diversify the provincial seafood, recreational and Aboriginal fisheries. Fisheries Renewal BC believes that when fisheries workers, communities, companies or sector groups — anyone with an interest in the provincial fishery — pool their resources and innovative ideas, they can create products, processes and new fisheries opportunities which can mean more jobs, more year round work, and higher-value products and services.

Assistance is available in the form of grants up to $150,000 (between 25 per cent and 75 per cent of the total eligible costs). Proponents (private sector and community co-applicants) are expected to contribute a minimum of 25 per cent of total project costs. Funds from federal or provincial government sources are eligible as co-funding, but cannot form any portion of the minimum proponent contribution.

Mandate and objectives

The Development and Diversification program funds partnership-based, cost-shared initiatives that:

- develop untapped potential and diversify the commercial seafood, recreational and aboriginal fisheries;
- share the risk of investigating and developing business opportunities;
- create and expand jobs;
- provide training and new skills development for fisheries workers;
- coordinate market research and analysis, and make it available to sector members;
- introduce, adapt or develop new technologies or processes;
- develop sector supported marketing strategies and programs;
- promote the use of existing processing plants and other fisheries facilities throughout British Columbia;
- encourage and coordinate joint marketing efforts among the fisheries sectors; and
- increase public awareness of the importance of British Columbia's seafood and sport fishing industries.

Intended beneficiaries

Fishing communities, fisheries workers.

Eligible costs and activities

The Development and Diversification Program can provide cost-shared funding for a range of activities, which may include:

- developing and diversifying value-added products and services;
- developing new and under-utilized fisheries;
- improving selective harvesting technologies or techniques;
- improving seafood waste reduction and by-product utilization;
- expanding shellfish aquaculture;
- applied research and development;
- technology development and transfer;
- enhancing seafood quality and food safety initiatives;
- developing better, environmentally friendly food manufacturing processes;
- developing infrastructure for community based fishing activities;
- conducting market research and analysis;
- developing and delivering sectoral marketing strategies; and
- investigating regional and community fisheries opportunities.

Application process

Fisheries Renewal accepts applications to the program three times per year: June 2, September 5, and November 27.

Decision making and accountability structure

The Board of Fisheries Renewal makes decisions on funding. Eligible proponents are asked to submit a full proposal, which is reviewed by a technical committee. The committee, which is composed of representatives from relevant agencies, uses a set of criteria and scoring system to select proposals.

Annual volume of funds allocated

$3 million in 1999-2000. $2 million in 2000-2001

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Fisheries Renewal British Columbia: Planning and Partnership Program

Overview
The Fisheries Renewal BC Planning and Partnership Program is about building partnerships and helping groups and business ventures plan effectively.

Staff are available to help applicant groups acquire the tools to explore new ideas and develop sustainable fisheries opportunities in communities. Grants are available up to $10,000.

Mandate and objectives
Fisheries Renewal BC wants to help communities develop a partnership approach to resolving the problems facing our fisheries. This means helping groups develop a long-term vision, effective relationships and inclusive planning processes.

Intended beneficiaries
Any person, group or organization wanting to explore an idea or a partnership opportunity in British Columbia's fisheries qualifies for assistance.

Eligible costs and activities
The Planning and Partnership Program will help develop partnerships and plans by funding:

- strategic planning;
- research and information gathering;
- workshops or meetings to facilitate groups coming together for a common purpose; and
- feasibility studies.

Application process
Fisheries Renewal accepts applications on a continuous basis.

Decision making and accountability structure
Staff decide based on a set of criteria.

Annual volume of funds allocated
$300,000 in 2000-2001. Budget of $300,000 in 1999-2000, of which approximately $200,000 was allocated.

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Fisheries Renewal British Columbia: Salmonid Enhancement Program

Overview

The Salmonid Renewal Program uses local, regional and watershed-based program delivery partners to fund and manage projects in their areas. Delivery partners are required to use local resources and encourage local groups to work together on projects that enhance wild fish stocks and improve and restore habitat.

The Salmonid Renewal Program is aimed at drawing the community together, promoting local decision making and using local resources in renewing the provincial fisheries.

Program delivery partners work with Fisheries Renewal BC staff to develop regional program delivery plans, and to undertake all aspects of program management including:

- soliciting project proposals, evaluating proposals, determining their priority and selecting which ones to fund;
- arranging for on-site project delivery by local project teams, negotiating funding agreements, and carrying out all aspects of financial administration;
- monitoring, auditing and evaluating projects, reporting on results, and communicating benefits and other results to the affected communities;
- coordinating referrals to government agencies for technical review; and
- obtaining all necessary legal approvals.

Local, regional and watershed-based partner groups with the appropriate support of the main groups in the area can become delivery partners. Community or regionally based groups with broad sectoral representation (such as First Nations, communities, volunteer groups, schools, industry, fishers and fisheries workers and aquaculturists) may qualify. Province-wide organizations with regional representation may also qualify.

In addition to supporting Fisheries Renewal BC goals and objectives, where possible delivery partners must:

- demonstrate they have the support of the local community, First Nations and government agencies; and
- reflect and support local and regional priorities.

Mandate and objectives

The Salmonid Renewal Program is Fisheries Renewal BC's locally-managed and delivered program to enhance production of healthy fish. Specific objectives are to:

- enhance wild fish stocks;
- improve and restore fish habitat; and
- develop local partnership capacity.

Intended beneficiaries

Fishing communities.

Eligible costs and activities

The Salmonid Enhancement Program delivery partners will fund local groups in conservation, restoration and enhancement projects involving all species of salmon and trout in fresh water and salt water estuaries. Funding is available for works on public, private and First Nations lands. Activities may include:

- inventory, assessment and mapping of salmonid habitats and stocks;
- watershed monitoring and evaluation;
- salmonid habitat restoration;
- local salmonid enhancement projects;
- community-based watershed planning and stewardship;
- public awareness projects;
- education projects; and
- projects that encourage fisheries sensitive land use practices.

Application process

Each regional delivery partner runs its own application and review process. For information regarding local contacts, call the Renewal Program Manager.

Decision making and accountability structure

Partners submit a list of projects, and FsRBC makes the final decision. DFO and MELP are involved in most local technical review committees. All proponents requiring permits for their projects must have them in place before Fisheries Renewal will provide funding.

Annual volume of funds allocated

$10 million in 1999-2000 (400 projects, flowed through 22 partners).

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Forest Renewal British Columbia: Forest Community Economic Development Program

Overview

The Forest Community Economic Development Program includes five components as follows:

- Community-Based Forest Enterprise Development;
- Infrastructure Support;
- Emergency Response;
- Forest Community Loan Fund; and
- Forest Community Business Program.

Community-Based Forest Enterprise Development

Funding is provided for approved forest sector enterprise development activities:

- short-term implementation plans that analyze the viability of realizable forest sector economic, business and employment opportunities;
- implementation of economic, business and employment development opportunities that generate core outputs within the forest sector;
- prospectuses that leverage and attract forest sector investment; and
- business partnership and joint venture formation between forest sector businesses, First Nations and municipal governments.

Forest community economic development groups with a regional mandate to implement forest sector economic development and employment projects may be eligible for funding up to $100,000.

Infrastructure Support

Funding is provided for supporting developmental and utility infrastructure costs associated with local government and First Nation owned projects that promote diversity within the local forest economy.

To be considered eligible, projects must:

- be located within an industrial zoned site operated by a municipal or regional government, or located on reserve lands occupied by a First Nation;
- be tied to a current forest sector strategic plan, mitigation or transition strategy;
- have viability pre-determined by a supporting feasibility study and/or business plan;
- indicate a return-on-investment to the local government or First Nation through levy of taxes, property leasing, business investment or creation of program core outputs; and
- provide letters confirming business investment and lease occupancy prior to approval.

Cost-shared funding is available to a maximum 50 per cent of eligible costs or $100,000 per project, whichever is lesser.

Emergency Response
Immediate short-term support is provided for adjustment initiatives to communities experiencing sudden high levels of job loss in the forest sector. Supportable activities include analysis of economic impacts, developing an action plan, engaging business and economic development expertise, co-ordination of planning and related activities.

Funding up to $50,000 is available to support development and implementation of a community mitigation strategy in response to a major forest sector impact resulting from mill closures or forest worker layoffs.

Forest Community Loan Fund
The Forest Community Loan Fund provides loans to a maximum $100,000 to forest communities requiring funds to invest in and diversify their local forest economy. Loan funds are restricted to eligible forest dependent communities and are intended to complement FCEDP infrastructure investments. The funds are managed and disbursed by the Municipal Finance Authority and are repayable over a five year term. This investment is capitalized at $2.5 million for the 2000-01 fiscal.

Forest Community Business Program
The Forest Community Business Program is designed to diversify, stabilize and expand the economic and employment opportunities of forest-based communities by providing increased access to financing, business planning support, and training for small businesses in the forest sector. The financing segment of the program has been operational since June 1996, through community-based lenders such as Community Futures and Aboriginal Capital Corporations for loans up to $125,000. In February 1997, the corporation added the Business Development Bank of Canada as a lender in this program, for loans of $75,000 to $250,000.

Mandate and objectives

The Forest Community Economic Development Program supports the capacity of forest-dependent communities to develop more diversified forest sector opportunities. Capacity development occurs through economic development and transition planning and implementation, feasibility studies, and an immediate response fund for sudden major forest sector job losses.

Objectives include:

- job creation;
- business development;
- leverage of investment funds; and
- formation of joint ventures and partnerships.

Intended beneficiaries
Communities that derive a minimum of 10 per cent employment income from the forest sector and are experiencing 10 per cent or greater forest sector unemployment.

Eligible costs and activities
See above.

Application process
Application through Regional Investment Officer. Applications are invited in April and August and accepted throughout the year.

Decision making and accountability structure
Assessed by Forest Renewal's Communities Business Unit. Officers and management staff from around BC review applications twice yearly. Applications received outside of those two windows are reviewed by a staff committee.

Annual volume of funds allocated
$14 million for 2000-2001.

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Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology: Youth Community Action Program (YCAP)

Overview

YCAP gives young people the opportunity to earn credit for tuition fees while participating in community service projects around the province.

Non-profit agencies design new projects that will involve eligible youth and leave a legacy of community enhancements in areas such as community development, culture, heritage, literacy, recreation and community safety. Young people participating in the projects will have the opportunity to develop community service and leadership skills and gain career-related experience. Young people who complete the projects will earn credit that can be applied toward post-secondary tuition fees.

The program is delivered through a network of non-profit Host Agencies under contract with the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology. These Host Agencies are responsible for providing information and applications, approving sponsor applications and youth placements and providing project follow-up services.

Mandate and objectives

Youth Community Action is one of the 12 employment programs of Youth Options BC, a government initiative to provide work experience opportunities and to improve access to post-secondary education for youth in British Columbia.

The goals of the Youth Community Action Program are to:

- encourage high school completion and pursuit of post-secondary education or training;
- increase the affordability of post-secondary studies;
- increase the number of youth who complete their studies with work experience;
- increase access to career-relevant work experience opportunities;
- increase opportunities for youth to develop community service and leadership skills; and
- leave a legacy of community enhancements.

Intended beneficiaries

Youth aged 15-24.

Eligible costs and activities

Sponsors do not receive direct funding. Youth receive the equivalent of $8 per hour. In some cases, youth are provided with funds for expenses such as transportation.

Application process

Youth and sponsors apply to a Host Agency. The application form must be delivered to the Host Agency to determine if a placement is eligible under this program.

Project sponsors must provide details of the new work experience opportunities to be created. Details of the position/project should include and/or describe:

- number of positions requested;
- number of hours per position;
- activities to be undertaken;
- duties and responsibilities of the position(s);
- skills to be developed;
- supervision/coaching plan;
- details on safety measures;
- any applicable permits; and
- benefit to the community.

Host Agencies assess sponsor applications. If the project is approved for placements, the Host Agency refers potential participants to the sponsor for consideration. The sponsor may also select and place youth on the project, but the youth must have been deemed eligible and approved by the Host Agency.

Decision making and accountability structure

Applications from project sponsors (local community agencies) are assessed (based on expected community and individual benefit) and approved by the Host Agency contracted by the Ministry to administer the program. Once the project is approved for placement(s), the project sponsor will select and place approved youth on the project.

Annual volume of funds allocated

$3.4 million per year, since 1998.

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Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food: BUY BC[1]

Overview

The BUY BC program encourages cooperative marketing initiatives that contribute economic benefits to the BC agri-fish-food industries. Cost-shared financial assistance is provided to support incremental generic marketing activities that meet the market development program's purposes, objectives, strategies and goals.

Financial assistance in the form of a conditional grant ranging from 10 per cent to a maximum of 35 per cent of approved eligible costs will be available for specific projects.

Mandate and objectives

The objective of this program is to increase, within BC, the use of British Columbia food, fish, beverages and agricultural products throughout the entire food system, including producers, processors, distributors, food service operators, retailers and consumers.

Intended beneficiaries

Agriculture and food sector.

Eligible costs and activities

Eligible applicants include industry organizations registered in British Columbia engaged in producing, processing or marketing BC food, fish, beverage or agricultural products which are grown or substantially processed in the province. Consideration will be given to consortia of at least three firms within a sector plus a minimum of one other level of the food system. Individual firms and producers are ineligible.

Eligible activities may include, but are not limited to:

- product identification;
- contests;
- product demonstrations;
- free-standing inserts;
- advertising;
- public relations;
- point of sale promotions; and
- co-op advertising.

[1]The information in this section has not been confirmed by the funding agency.

Market planning and research may be considered if applied to the above activities. Eligible costs must be directly related to the proposed market development activities. Funding is intended to support incremental marketing activities and cannot substitute for ongoing or regular promotions.

- Ineligible costs include:
- capital costs for equipment purchases;
- out-of-province activities;
- any promotional or marketing initiative that is not generic in nature or industry wide;
- any promotional or marketing initiative that does not use the logo/slogan of the market development program;
- marketing activities which intentionally denigrate other BC food products or industry members;
- use of the program's logo/slogan that may be incorrectly interpreted as endorsement by the ministry, or government, for a product or organization; and
- any administration costs related to the ongoing operation of applicant, including normal costs of business such as rent, overhead, listing fees, product samples, and other expenditures used to reduce the selling price of promoted products.

Application process
Organizations apply for the partnership component of BUY BC, a relatively small component of the overall program.

Decision making and accountability structure
Information not available.

Annual volume of funds allocated
Information not available.

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Ministry of Attorney General: Community Programs Division

Overview

The Ministry of Attorney General Community Programs Division develops crime and violence prevention programs which have been implemented and supported by youth and communities across BC. Programs foster youth and community involvement at all levels and rely on partnerships with police, schools, businesses and communities.

The division provides resources, training and support to enhance community safety and prevent crime. Financial support is also provided under the following initiatives.

Youth Action Teams are teams of youth taking a stand against crime and violence in their community. Teams develop and coordinate crime and violence prevention projects and build their leadership, conflict resolution and problem solving skills. Grants are available to assist in obtaining project supplies and other project related resources.

Safe Communities Partnerships Grants promote and assist communities in developing programs that enhance safety and promote local crime prevention efforts. Grants are provided in support of initiative implementation, including obtaining supplies, developing resources and training staff and/or volunteers.

Nights Alive offers youth the opportunity to work with police and community partners to develop and implement their own after hours or late night recreational activities. Youth also learn new skills and positive alternatives to crime and violence. Annual grants are provided in support of Nights Alive programs.

Community Accountability Programs support programs based upon the principles of restorative justice, which hold low risk offenders accountable for their actions and provide victims the opportunity to be heard and supported. Programs are community-based; the Ministry offers grants of up to $5,000 for those communities wishing to start a restorative justice program.

Mandate and objectives

The above programs aim to:

- prevent youth crime;
- prevent youth violence and victimization;
- work in partnership with communities to enhance community safety and support crime prevention efforts; and
- support community justice initiatives.

Intended beneficiaries
Communities and youth across the province.

Eligible costs and activities
Youth Action Team grants are typically for project supplies. Grants range from $50 to $500 and are available on a project by project basis.

Safe Communities Partnership Grants are provided in support of initiative implementation including obtaining supplies, developing resources and training staff and/or volunteers. Grants of up to $5,000 are available on a project by project basis.

Nights Alive grant funding is provided for Nights Alive sites on an annual basis.

Programs are partnership based: other funding and in-kind contributions from the community are required.

Application process
Application forms are available from the ministry. Intake is ongoing, in response to requests.

Decision making and accountability structure
Allocations of funding for all four programs is through internal processes.

Annual volume of funds allocated
Information not available.

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Ministry of Community Development, Cooperatives and Volunteers: Community Enterprise

Overview

Community Enterprise is designed to help communities develop the capacity to renew their economies and increase their self-reliance. It operates by creating partnerships among local groups in coastal and rural resource-based communities which are experiencing economic hardship and are most in need of assistance. The program has five components as follows:

Community and Cooperative Business Development

The Ministry provides matching funds, up to $100,000, to community-based non-profit agencies to undertake projects that will lead to economic diversification and job creation. Contributions are provided for the creation and growth of new enterprises through activities such as business opportunity identification, project implementation, analysis and planning and cooperative business development.

Projects that demonstrate a coordinated approach to defining local economic priorities and provide evidence that their application represents a collaborative effort from community organizations are given priority for funding.

Community Capacity Building

The Ministry provides up to $50,000 for innovative projects, supported by the voluntary sector, that generate work and sustainable income for people from marginalized groups (including youth, women, income assistance recipients, older displaced workers, persons with disabilities and First Nations people). Projects must be incremental and preference will be given to projects where results and learning could be applied to other communities.

Although matching funding is not a requirement, preference will be given to projects that demonstrate strong community support and commitment. Contributions are provided for purposes of enterprise and self employment development, access to capital for micro-enterprise development, and economic capacity building.

Community Venture Capital

In addition, Community Enterprise includes a Community Venture Capital component which is delivered through the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture (see program listing under that ministry).

Mandate and objectives

Through Community Enterprise, rural, coastal, and resource-dependent communities broaden their opportunities for growth of new enterprises, diversify and renew their local economies, and increase their self-reliance.

Intended beneficiaries

Residents of BC that reside outside of Greater Vancouver and Greater Victoria.

Eligible costs and activities

The Community and Cooperative Business Development component makes matching contributions to community-based agencies that develop projects to diversify local economies.

Four activities are eligible for funding:

- business opportunity identification;
- business analysis and planning;
- cooperative business development; and
- project implementation management.

For the Community Capacity Building component, two activities are eligible:

- development of micro-enterprises; and
- development of micro-credit loan funds.

This component does not require matching funding, but does require evidence of commitment through some in-kind contribution. There must also be strong evidence of community support and collaboration.

Application process

Guidelines and applications for Community Enterprise can be obtained from provincial government agents, MLAs' offices, and regional delivery coordinators. Application information is also available on the ministry web site.

All applications must be vetted through one of the five regional delivery coordinators, who work with sponsoring organizations to establish community priorities, provide assistance with proposal development and screen proposals to confirm eligibility.

Decision making and accountability structure

Once received by regional delivery coordinators, applications go through a regional level review panel which is made up of community stakeholders. Recommended applications are forwarded for final analysis and approval by the ministry.

Annual volume of funds allocated

$5.2 million in 1999-2000. For 2001 - 2002 the budget is approximately $9.2 million.

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Ministry of Community Development, Cooperatives and Volunteers: Community Solutions

Overview

The Ministry's Urban Community Development Unit launched Community Solutions in 2000. The program has three funding streams:

- initial funding of up to $20,000 per project to identify development needs in a community;
- seed funding of up to $25,000 per project for new project development; and
- funding of up to $50,000 per project for longer-term project development and implementation.

Mandate and objectives

Community Solutions provides funding to community-based, non-profit organizations and cooperatives, and First Nations Bands across B.C. to design and implement local projects that support and empower multi-barriered, low-income residents to participate in their communities, obtain employment and enhance their quality of life. The main objectives of the program are to:

- facilitate and support grassroots community development;
- assess opportunities in communities to address the needs of disadvantaged and marginalized groups; and
- build partnerships with other local organizations, business associations, foundations and municipal and federal governments to strengthen the capacity of economically depressed communities to stimulate, renew and diversify their economies and provide opportunities for low-income and multi-barriered individuals and communities.

Intended beneficiaries

Multi-barriered, low-income people.

B.C societies and cooperatives in good standing; and First Nations bands are the types of community-based organizations eligible to apply for funding.

Eligible costs and activities

Not specified.

Application process

A two-step application process, starting with an expression of interest, followed by an application (for selected expressions of interest). The ministry is developing forms for each step.

Decision making and accountability structure

An internal review committee looks at expressions of interest and applications. Factors considered include regional distribution, sector distribution (e.g., housing), mix of First Nations bands and non-profits, and mix across the three funding streams.

Annual volume of funds allocated

1999-2000 funding was approximately $400,000.

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Ministry of Community Development, Cooperatives and Volunteers: The Co-op Advantage

Overview

The Co-op Advantage was designed to promote, support and invest in grassroots efforts to build healthy, self-reliant communities. Under the program, British Columbians can apply for provincial assistance to help develop or expand cooperatives that create sustainable jobs, strengthen and diversify local economies and enhance community services. Funding is also available for new and innovative co-op demonstration projects.

The program has the following main components.

Partners in Cooperatives provides contributions in response to proposals from groups wishing to start new cooperatives, develop business plans and for development and training to strengthen existing cooperatives.

Innovation and Demonstration project funding is available to support new, innovative models of cooperatives, representing a range of large and small cooperatives in a variety of strategic sectors, to meet (local) economic diversification and social needs. As well, contributions will be considered for existing cooperatives where opportunities exist for growth and job creation.

Mandate and Objectives

The Co-op Advantage has the following five stated objectives:

- to support the development and expansion of new and existing cooperatives;
- to create economic and employment opportunities and contribute to the sustainability and economic diversification of B.C. communities in a manner that respects the environment;
- to provide community services and contribute to the social development of B.C. communities;
- to provide jobs and training for individuals who are marginalized in society, such as individuals who receive income assistance; and
- to strengthen the cooperative sector and build long-term sustainable capacity within the B.C. cooperative movement through initiatives which will expand knowledge, develop expertise and communicate information about cooperatives and their applicability as a social and economic development tool.

Intended Beneficiaries

The program seeks to build capacity for cooperative sector expansion where there is a lack of such capacity. There are no geographic restrictions. All communities and any group of five or more individuals wishing to form or expand a cooperative are eligible to apply. Preference is given to proposals that include significant, demonstrated support from members of the cooperative, partnering agencies and others.

Eligible costs and activities

Eligible budget items for Partners in Co-operatives include:

- costs for training and skills development (business, board, and membership), i.e. consultant fees;
- costs for legal advice;
- business plan development; and
- funding for member involvement in the business planning process.

Eligible budget items for Innovation and Demonstration Projects include:

- pre-feasibility studies;
- feasibility studies/market research;
- community outreach/education;
- business plan development, including one to three year financial projections;
- training and skills development; and
- project management consultant services and staff support.

Ineligible costs for both program components include:

- incorporation fees and
- ongoing operational costs, such as salaries and office rental.

Application process

For Partners In Cooperatives, prospective proponent groups are invited to submit an application containing information specified in the application guidelines.

For Innovation and Demonstration projects, groups are asked to submit an expression of interest (two to three pages, containing information specified in the application guidelines). Selected proponents then receive requests for proposals. Proponents may then submit full proposals, using ministry guidelines.

Decision making and accountability structure
Staff review applications, with input from relevant ministries. An internal review group makes a recommendation to the Executive Director. The review process includes: an evaluation according to criteria that are based on the program guidelines; completion of a check list; and the preparation of a summary for each application.

Annual volume of funds allocated
Approximately $2 million per year.

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Ministry of Community Development, Cooperatives and Volunteers: InVOLve BC

Overview
InVOLve BC has two funding streams:

- Voluntary Organization Development (up to $20,000)
- Innovation and Demonstration (up to $75,000)

Mandate and objectives
InVOLve BC was designed to recognize and support the work of the voluntary sector in creating services and opportunities that enrich the lives of British Columbians, sustain and develop communities, and help build a civil society. Program objectives are to:

- enhance the capacity of the voluntary sector by supporting training, development and networking initiatives;
- promote voluntarism, and build government, business, labour and community understanding and recognition of the contribution of volunteers and volunteer organizations to their community, economy and society; and
- advance the relationship between the voluntary sector and government, and support the development of partnerships with other sectors.

Intended beneficiaries
Voluntary organizations registered as societies.

Eligible costs and activities
Voluntary organization development funding may be used to address a wide variety of needs, such as:

- strategic planning;
- board development;
- financial administration;
- project management;
- performance measurement and evaluation;
- fundraising, communications, and marketing;
- volunteer management practices;
- working with people from other cultures and with other languages in a manner that is respectful, that promotes voluntarism and that increases cultural awareness;
- development of a training plan and training materials; and
- on-line resource development.

Innovation and Demonstration funding may be used to develop innovative models for building the capacity of volunteer organizations. Such models may:

- support the development of partnerships and networking initiatives through broad-based information technology and communication projects;
- provide accessible voluntary sector training and leadership development; and
- enhance the capacity of volunteer organizations regionally or provincially by increasing/improving the support services available to them.

Application process
The ministry provides detailed application guidelines for each funding stream.

Decision making and accountability structure
A review team, including representatives from other Ministries and organizations, reviews proposals using a set of criteria (listed in the application guidelines) and makes recommendations for funding. These recommendations are then reviewed by staff.

Annual volume of funds allocated
$2.2 million 1999-2000.

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Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks: Environmental Youth Team (E-Team)

Overview

The E-Team is primarily a wage subsidy program. It has three components:

- work crews (5 youth and one supervisor);
- internships; and
- eco-education (education and outreach activities).

Mandate and objectives

The program links youth with employers to work on environmental and outdoor recreation projects. The projects are typically community driven and each leaves a legacy in the community.

All sponsors must provide at least 20 per cent of the total project cost.

Intended beneficiaries

Youth. Communities. About 50 per cent of work crew sponsors are non-profits, about 10 per cent are First Nations, and others are primarily private sector.

Eligible costs and activities

The main eligible cost is wages (subsidies to reimburse wages). In the work crew component, a support fee of up to 30 per cent of wage costs can be used for equipment, or whatever cannot be obtained through in-kind contributions.

Application process

Sponsor applications are available through local community Government Agents or BC Access Centre offices throughout the province, or by faxing a request to the E-Team office. Individuals apply directly to sponsors for positions. Sponsors post E-Team positions at local Human Resource Centres and on the Youth Options BC Website.

Decision making and accountability structure
The program allocates funds in accordance with regional targets (8 regions). Staff evaluate proposals against set criteria: sponsor contribution, youth benefit, and environmental and community impact of the project. The top scoring projects in each region get funded.

The E-Team enters a fee for service contract. Funds are paid out based on completed claim forms (youth sign off on hours/days of work, pay, and training received). The program also has three project and safety monitors.

Annual volume of funds allocated
$10.75 million was allocated in 1999-2000.

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Ministry of Forests: Community Forest Pilot Project

Overview

Under the Jobs and Timber Accord and BC's Forest Action Plan, the Province committed to design and pilot a new community forest tenure to increase the direct participation of communities and First Nations in the management of local forests and to create sustainable jobs.

The community forest pilot established seven short-term pilot agreements which provide an opportunity to test:

- the new community forest legislation and its compatibility with existing forest legislation, and the extent to which the community forest legislation succeeds in furthering government and community objectives for community forest management;
- a range of administrative models and forest management regimes operating under the community forest pilot agreement; and
- the process for entering into community forest agreements.

Mandate and objectives

This new form of tenure is intended to provide new opportunities for community management of Crown forest land. By providing communities with greater flexibility to manage local forests, government seeks to:

- provide long-term opportunities for achieving a range of community objectives, including employment, forest-related education and skills training and other social, environmental and economic benefits;
- balance uses of forest resources;
- meet the objectives of government in relation to environmental stewardship, including the management of timber, water, fisheries, wildlife and cultural heritage resources;
- enhance the use of and benefits derived from the community forest agreement area;
- encourage cooperation among stakeholders; and
- provide social and economic benefits to British Columbia.

Intended beneficiaries

Not specified.

Application process

In September 1998, municipalities, regional districts, First Nations, corporations, societies, cooperatives and partnerships were all invited to apply for a community forest pilot agreement.

To minimize the risks and maximize the success of the community forest pilots, the proposals required a preliminary forest management plan, a business plan, and documentation of public support and awareness.

Proposals for additional community tenures are not currently being requested. The intent of the pilot program is to:

- develop the legislation and framework for community tenure;
- make an opportunity for a sample group of communities to acquire a tenure;
- monitor those pilots and make adjustments to the application procedure, legislation, agreement document, etc.; and
- prove the benefits to both the community and the Province before creating more community tenure opportunities on a larger scale.

Decision making and accountability structure

The Ministry received 27 proposals. These were evaluated by a subcommittee of the multi-stakeholder Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) using a set of criteria it had previously developed. The criteria included community involvement, administrative authority and structure, as well as stewardship and management objectives. The CFAC, made up of representatives from communities, First Nations, environmental groups, academia and the forest industry, made recommendations to the minister.

Annual volume of funds allocated

Not applicable.

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Ministry of Multiculturalism and Immigration: BC Anti-Racism and Multiculturalism Program

Overview

The Ministry of Multiculturalism and Immigration uses a community development approach in much of its activity, particularly in the Community Liaison Division. The BC Anti-Racism and Multiculturalism Program provides project funding, averaging $10,000 to $15,000 per contribution.

Mandate and objectives

The Anti-Racism and Multiculturalism program helps non-profit organizations and their communities carry out activities to meet the policy objectives set out under BC's *Multiculturalism Act*.

These policy objectives include:

- prevention and intervention strategies like public education, cross-cultural understanding and activities to combat systemic and organized racism;
- community development and efforts to increase participation by the public;
- integration of the multicultural diversity of BC in the province's social, economic, and political life; and
- assistance for organizations to increase access to services for their culturally-diverse audiences.

Intended beneficiaries

Priority population groups include immigrants, visible minority women, children and youth, immigrant seniors, and First Nations people. Applicants must be BC registered societies in good standing.

Eligible costs and activities

The program defines eligible costs and activities by specifying what it will not fund:

- 100 per cent of a project;
- activities that promote the preservation or enhancement of one particular culture;
- visual or performing arts (including folk festivals) not focused on elimination of racism;
- academic research;
- translation services outside the mandate of the ministry;
- applicant's capital or ongoing operational costs;
- travel outside of BC; and
- immigrant settlement services.

Application process

The ministry invites annual intakes of applications, typically with a deadline in May. A one-page information sheet on project funding goes to all organizations which have applied in the past. The ministry provides assistance to applicants regarding eligibility criteria, project development and referrals to other appropriate funding sources.

Decision making and accountability structure

Staff assess all applications and present them to a funding review panel, composed of representatives from government agencies, foundations, and other funders such as the United Way. The panel makes recommendations to the ministry. Decisions are passed on to organizations by August, and funding is normally provided for the September to August period.

The ministry undertakes community consultation at least once every two years to determine funding priorities and needs.

Annual volume of funds allocated

$1.1 million in 1999-2000, including some funds allocated for Multiculturalism Week and the March 21st International Day to Eliminate Racism (funding intake for this is usually in the fall).

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Ministry of Multiculturalism and Immigration: BC Settlement and Immigration Program

Overview

The BC Settlement and Immigration Program, delivered through the Community Liaison Division, has four funding streams:

- information and support services;
- community bridging initiatives;
- English language services for adults; and
- sectoral support, service coordination, and delivery assistance.

Mandate and objectives

The program funds services designed to bring about one or more of the following priority outcomes for new immigrants:

- understand and adjust to the culture, norms, values, legal system, laws and basic service systems of Canada and British Columbia;
- develop and access supportive social, health and cultural networks that will allow them to pursue a healthy and active community life;
- have a sense of connectedness and well-being;
- participate in community;
- develop the skills necessary to appropriately deal with individual and family issues directly arising from the settlement and adaptation process;
- acquire English language ability; and
- have the opportunity to pursue employment and personal aspirations.

Priority outcomes for host communities are to:

- develop greater knowledge and acceptance of cultural diversity;
- learn more about immigrants and their adaptation experience;
- benefit from increased civic participation; and
- accept and adapt to newcomers and be enriched as a result.

Intended beneficiaries

Immigrant newcomers and residents of host communities, including refugees, refugee claimants, and immigrants who have obtained Canadian citizenship.

Eligible costs and activities

The Information and Support Services stream may be used for delivery of the following services:

- assessment, orientation, information provision and referrals;
- life skills and education;
- service linking and accompaniment; and
- adjustment services and support.

The Community Bridging Initiatives stream may be used for activities designed to:

- promote positive social interaction and support for new arrivals;
- enhance newcomers' well-being and integration;
- help the host society learn about and appreciate immigrants and diverse cultures;
- provide greater cross cultural and volunteer opportunities; and
- increase program and service accessibility due to increased influence or participation of immigrants in community-based agencies.

Application process

The program recommends that organizations contact the Community Liaison Division well before the deadline to discuss proposed projects with a Regional Program Coordinator. Staff will assist in clarifying project criteria and provide advice regarding project development. Staff also assist by referring applicants to other funding sources as appropriate.

Decision making and accountability structure

Applications are assessed by Regional Program Coordinators and presented to a review panel made up of various funding organizations that work on similar issues.

Annual volume of funds allocated

Approximately $5 million.

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Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture: Community Venture Capital Program

Overview

The Community Venture Capital Program encourages investment in B.C. businesses by providing B.C. investors with a 30 per cent refundable tax credit. This program was launched in July, 1999 as an enhancement to the Province's existing Equity Capital Program.

The investment is made through a holding company, called a Community Venture Capital Corporation (CVCC), which is registered in the program and owned by its shareholders. Members of the community in which the CVCC plans to invest are encouraged to participate in its management. The CVCC raises money from B.C. residents and then invests these funds into a qualifying small business that is permanently established outside of the Capital Regional and Greater Vancouver Regional Districts.

To be eligible to receive equity financing from a CVCC the small business must meet the following criteria:

- have 75 or fewer employees;
- pay at least 75 per cent of wages and salaries to employees resident in B.C. or 50 per cent if the small business is engaged in export activities;
- be substantially engaged in an activity that promotes the community's diversification such as, tourism, manufacturing, research and development, non-traditional agriculture and aquaculture; and
- is not involved in resource exploration or extraction, financial services, property management or development, traditional agricultural activities or restaurant/food services.

Mandate and objectives

To create pools of venture capital for regionally-based BC businesses. The goals are to diversify regional economies and to create jobs.

Intended beneficiaries

Small businesses and residents striving to diversify their local economies and create employment alternatives.

Eligible costs and activities

The funds invested can be used for capital expenditures and working capital. These funds generally cannot be used for repaying debt, investing outside of B.C., lending, acquiring land or securities, redeeming existing shares, making non-arm's length purchases, paying dividends or acquiring an existing business.

Decision making and accountability structure
Not applicable. Province provides tax credits to eligible investors (corporate or individual).

Annual volume of funds allocated
The program assists in raising $7 million of share capital annually for investment in 10 to 15 community ventures (per year).

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Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture: Employee Share Ownership Program

Overview
This program encourages employees to make equity investments in the companies that employ them. Legislated under the Employee Investment Act, the program provides employee investors with a tax credit incentive of up to 20 per cent of the investment made to an annual maximum of $2,000 and a lifetime maximum of $10,000.

Mandate and objectives
The Employee Share Ownership Program (ESOP) mandate is to support the small business sector. Objectives include: increased access to capital, job creation, and econornic diversification. Research shows that employee share ownership contributes to retaining key personnel, lower rates of absenteeism, and higher rates of productivity.

Intended beneficiaries
Small to medium sized BC businesses with less than $500 million in total assets.

Eligible costs and activities
Up to 50 per cent of the costs associated with registering an ESOP may be shared with the Province. Capital raised as a result of the program is generally working capital. It can also be used to raise capital for expansion purposes or to facilitate the purchase of a business from a retiring owner.

Decision making and accountability structure
Not applicable. Private sector driven.

Annual volume of funds allocated
Up to $6 million in tax credits are available annually.

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Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security: Community Services Fund

Overview
The Community Services Fund (CSF) was established in the fall of 1995 to support the delivery of community-based programs for urban dwellers with multiple barriers to employment.

Mandate and objectives
Ministry policy states that the general goal of the Fund is to enable people with multiple barriers to "integrate more fully into their communities." Measures of integration are defined as follows:

- gaining employment (part or full time);
- participation in volunteer work;
- participation in future training;
- attachment and continued participation in a support group; and
- stabilized housing.

Intended beneficiaries
Income assistance clients with multiple barriers.

Eligible costs and activities
The CSF does not specify eligible costs and activities. Projects include a wide variety of types of training and counselling, including hands-on training (e.g., trades, retail, gardening) and supportive pre-employment training.

Application process
When new funding opportunities arise, regional offices of the Ministry call for proposals from local agencies.

Decision making and accountability structure
East Vancouver (where the bulk of CSF funds are allocated) has developed a unique community-based decision-making process to ensure stakeholder involvement in the administration of the CSF. The five communities served by the Fund (Downtown Eastside, Mount Pleasant, Grandview Woodland, and Hastings Sunrise) each formed a committee with representation from service providers, consumers of services, and residents. Stakeholders formed a fifth committee for "Shared Projects".

These five committees make recommendations about funding priorities for their geographic areas. Each committee has three representatives on a Steering Committee, which also includes a Ministry representative and other government staff.

In the Greater Victoria region, the Ministry puts out a call for proposals and uses an advisory committee (with representation from three levels of government and from the non-profit sector) to select recommended projects. Projects in other regions were initially selected through a community process and then funded repeatedly.

Annual volume of funds allocated
Approximately $4 million is allocated to approximately 50 programs.

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Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security: Industrial Adjustment Services

Overview

The Industrial Adjustment Service (IAS) is a federal-provincial program which is jointly administered in British Columbia by the Labour Market Services Branch of Human Resources Development Canada and the Skills Development Division of the Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security.

There are three levels of IAS involvement: community, sector/organization and firms.

IAS is a human resource and development planning tool and relies on other existing federal and provincial programs for implementation of adjustment plans.

Mandate and objectives

The mission of IAS is to act as a catalyst in assisting businesses, industry, labour and communities to jointly develop adjustment plans for human resource related challenges and opportunities that result from economic and/or technological change.

IAS provides for the establishment of a management-labour/employee committee in order to address human resource planning and development requirements in the workplace. The committee is made up of equal numbers of employee and management representatives with an impartial chairperson from outside the affected company. The committee formulates measures to resolve these issues and monitors and evaluates implementation of those measures.

Government representatives act as ex-officio members of the committee and provide technical advice, guidance and the coordination of financial incentives to the committee.

The role of the committee is defined under the terms of the IAS Agreement. The terms of reference/responsibilities of the committees are negotiated with the parties and committee members.

Intended beneficiaries
The IAS program supports employers and employees who have agreed to work together to bring about mutually beneficial human and organizational adjustments to deal with human resource related challenges and opportunities that result from economic and/or technological change. Participants may include large and small organizations, unionized and non-unionized, in all sectors. While the focus of the program is generally on plant-specific issues, it can also be used to address the adjustment issues facing an industry, sector or community.

Eligible costs and activities
IAS does not pay for implementation of adjustment plans (e.g., direct training), but it will identify and coordinate other existing resources/programs which may be of direct assistance.

Application process
Continuous intake.

Decision making and accountability structure
Interested employers and employee representatives may contact either the federal government's Labour Market Services Branch of Human Resources Development (HRDC) or the Employment Service Centers of the Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security. An IAS Consultant from either/both levels of government can meet with interested parties to discuss the IAS program and process.

The program allocates resources based on the assessed need in the community, and what other partners are involved (an indication of the level of community support).

Annual volume of funds allocated
$4.6 million ($2.3 million each from MSDES and HRD).

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3 Federal Programs

Agriculture Canada: Canadian Rural Partnership Pilot Projects

Overview

The Canadian Rural Partnership's Pilot Projects Initiative has funded creative approaches to development in rural and remote communities since 1998. All projects are co-funded by partners, who may come from the private or voluntary sectors, any level of government or cooperatives.

Funding is up to one third of the total project costs, and generally does not exceed $50,000 (as of the 2000-2001 funding year).

Mandate and objectives

The CRP has a mandate to ensure that federal programs, policies and activities provide a coordinated network of support to rural communities. Specific objectives are as follows:

- improve access to federal government programs and services for rural Canadians;
- improve access to financial resources for rural business and community development;
- provide more targeted opportunities/programs and services for rural youth, including First Nations youth;
- strengthen rural community capacity building, leadership, and skills development;
- create opportunities for rural communities to maintain and develop infrastructure for community development;
- connect rural Canadians to the knowledge-based economy and society and help them acquire the skills to use the technology;
- strengthen economic diversification in rural Canada through more targeted assistance;
- work with provincial/territorial governments to examine and test pilot new ways to provide rural Canadians with access to health care at reasonable cost;
- work with provincial/territorial governments to examine and test pilot new ways to provide rural Canadians with access to education at reasonable cost;
- foster strategic partnerships, within communities, between communities and among government(s) to facilitate rural community development; and
- promote rural Canada as a place to live, work and raise a family recognizing the value of rural Canada to the identity and well-being of the nation.

Intended beneficiaries
Rural communities/residents. Priorities include youth and First Nations people.

Eligible costs and activities
The lists of eligible and ineligible costs and activities are subject to change (prospective applicants are advised to check the web site for current information).

Application process
Annual deadlines, typically in the spring.

Decision making and accountability structure
Applications are submitted to Ottawa, grouped by province or territory and then reviewed by the Rural Team in the province or territory. If insufficient information is included, this is sought as needed. The Rural Team decides on which programs to recommend and sends back the applications to Ottawa. A national Advisory Committee reviews recommendations from regional and national projects. The Secretary of State makes final decisions.

Annual volume of funds allocated
$3 million for pilot projects (of a total $5 million per year or $20 million over four years, starting in 1998).

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Business Development Bank of Canada: Financial Products

Overview

The Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) is a financial institution wholly owned by the Government of Canada. BDC plays a leadership role in delivering a wide range of flexible financial products and consulting services designed to help small businesses grow.

These products include:

- Productivity Plus Loan;
- Innovation Financing;
- Micro Business Program;
- Tech-Strategy Program; and
- Growth Potential Assessment.

Productivity Plus Loan

The Productivity Plus Loan is designed to help well-established and export-oriented manufacturing companies obtain technology-enhanced equipment to boost their productivity. Equipment can be new or used, provided it is modern. This innovative term loan offers financing up to 125 per cent to purchase equipment and tooling, to install and assemble the equipment and to train the employees to use it.

These loans typically exceed $100,000 and can range as high as $5,000,000. They include a flexible repayment schedule to allow the equipment to reach its optimal productivity before payments are due.

Innovation Financing

To help existing small businesses that have a strong, experienced management team and solid growth potential, BDC has developed Innovation Financing. Whether a business needs money to sustain e-commerce, finance R&D costs, expand into new export markets or adopt quality management solutions, BDC provides financing of up to $250,000 for working capital purposes.

Innovation Financing offers very flexible terms, such as the possibility of postponing principal payments for the first 12 months and spreading them over a maximum of eight years. The Bank may also consider stepped and seasonal payments based on the company's cash flow.

Through its national network of private sector consultants, BDC Consulting Group helps entrepreneurs who receive Innovation Financing or the Productivity Plus Loan to assess, plan and implement winning strategies, especially in the areas of growth, quality, export and e-commerce.

Micro Business Program

BDC's Micro Business Program has been designed to support the growth of smaller businesses. This loan combines the professional consulting services offered by BDC Consulting Group with term financing of up to $50,000 for existing businesses and up to $25,000 for start-ups.

The term loans can be used for a variety of purposes, such as working capital, acquiring fixed assets and R&D. As with other BDC products, the Micro Business Program offers flexible repayment terms. Based on the company's forecast, repayment of principal can be postponed for up to two years and stepped or seasonal payments can be negotiated.

Tech-Strategy Program

BDC Consulting Group, in partnership with the Ordre des Ingénieurs du Québec (a provincially based organization of engineers), has designed the Tech-Strategy Program to enhance the technological strategy, planning, management and performance of small businesses. The program helps small businesses take up the challenge of a global environment where technology, including e-commerce, has a major impact. Tech-Strategy offers, among other things, solutions that are crucial to a company's competitiveness and growth, such as communication and transaction tools, management and operational tools, and relevant e-commerce strategies.

Growth Potential Assessment

To help small businesses improve their growth potential, BDC Consulting Group has developed the Growth Potential Assessment. Put simply, BDC Consulting Group conducts an objective, cost-effective and timely diagnosis of a company that helps small business entrepreneurs optimize their business strengths and minimize their weaknesses. Growth Potential Assessment includes an interview with a small business' management team, an in-house survey and a detailed financial analysis. With this tool, BDC Consulting Group covers the areas that matter most to small businesses, such as business planning, technologies, e-business, exporting, sales, customer satisfaction and profitability.

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Environment Canada and Health Canada: Community Animation Program

Overview
The Community Animation Program (CAP) is a joint Environment Canada and Health Canada program that helps build groups to make the link between, and take action on, issues involving health and the environment.

Mandate and objectives
CAP provides support for short term initiatives (less than a year) that help non-profit, non-governmental community groups to address issues involving both human health and the environment. CAP provides support to groups through funding, facilitation and skills development initiatives.

Intended beneficiaries
Non-profit, non-governmental community groups or societies.

Eligible costs and activities
Eligible CAP activities include the following:

- organizing and facilitating public forums;
- community development facilitation (animation) support;
- monitoring and mapping;
- marketing and public relations;
- consensus building;
- leadership skills building; and
- other skills development initiatives that increase the capacity of the group.

Application process
The application process has two steps: first, proponents contact CAP to find out if their project is eligible; second, proponents submit an application (maximum four pages). The application format will be on the web page, and is available on the CAP brochure.

Decision making and accountability structure:
Applications are reviewed in three stages:

- the CAP Project Officer completes an initial project review;
- the CAP Management Team reviews proposals individually and as a team;
- the CAP Project Officer consults other departments and branches for input; and
- a decision is made based on a number of factors.

Annual volume of funds allocated
Changes from year to year.

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Health Canada:
Community Action Program for Children (CAPC)

Overview

The Community Action Program for Children (CAPC) is one example a Health Canada program that uses a community development approach. The Health Promotion and Programs Branch delivers two other programs for children: the Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program and Aboriginal Head Start.

CAPC reflects a recognition that communities can best recognize the needs of children and their families and that communities can provide families with the most cost-effective support. For these reasons, CAPC is based on partnerships at the community level.

Mandate and objectives

CAPC provides long-term funding to enable local groups to provide services that meet the needs of children and families who face difficult life circumstances. This can include families headed by a single parent or a very young parent, families living on a low income and families who are isolated. Through these community-based services, families can improve the health and well-being of their children from birth to age six.

The major objectives of CAPC in the BC/Yukon region are:

- improved health and social development of children 0 to 6 years of age;
- a reduction in the incidence of childhood injuries;
- increased partnership and collaboration among governments, families, professionals and community groups;
- an increase in the number of effective community resources and programs to address the needs of at risk children through the preconceptual, pre and post natal, infant, and early childhood periods;
- increased recognition and support by the community of children at risk, their needs, interests and rights;
- increased empowerment and knowledge development of families and communities; and
- increased accessibilitiy to culturally and linguistically sensitive programming for at risk children and their families.

Intended beneficiaries

Children and families who face difficult circumstances.

Eligible costs and activities

Eligible program expenses include:

- personnel (salaries, benefits, contract fees);
- transportation (mileage and travel expenses for program activities);
- materials (office and program supplies);
- publication expenses (printing, photocopying, distribution expenses);
- equipment (program and office equipment);
- rent/utilities; and
- evaluation (contract fees).

Application process

Funds are allocated on a three-year term basis. There will not be another intake until 2003, which will likely be by invitation.

Decision making and accountability structure

Parents who use the services of CAPC projects are encouraged to participate in designing and delivering programs and activities. The community, through local CAPC coalitions and family committees, is the focus for decision making and action.

Annual volume of funds allocated

$6.6 million per year for BC/Yukon.

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Health Canada: Population Health Fund

Overview

The Population Health Fund supports projects that facilitate joint planning and coordinated actions among voluntary organizations, service providers, governments and the private sector to improve population health. Funded activities focus on addressing the health issues of vulnerable populations.

Mandate and objectives

The goal of the Population Health Fund is to increase community capacity for action on or across the determinants of health. The fund seeks to achieve three objectives:

- to develop, implement, evaluate and disseminate models for applying the population health approach;
- to increase the knowledge base for future program and policy development; and
- to increase partnerships and develop intersectoral collaboration.

Intended beneficiaries

Canadian voluntary non-profit organizations and educational institutions may be considered for funding.

Eligible costs and activities

The following activities are not eligible for support: ongoing organizational or overhead fees, pure research, profit-making activities, provision of direct services which are part of other governments' jurisdictions and survey studies (except those carried out to support objectives of the project).

Application process

Health Canada will solicit project proposals from eligible organizations and priority will be given to these proposals. Specific requests for proposals will further identify eligible and ineligible activities and expenses.

Decision making and accountability structure

Project proposals are reviewed by Health Canada to determine completeness, whether they meet eligibility criteria and whether they address current priorities of the fund. Eligible proposals go through an assessment process to determine quality and merit. All proposals recommended for approval are forwarded to the Minister of Health for a final decision.

Annual volume of funds allocated
Limited funds may be available from year to year.

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Human Resources Development Canada: Canada Jobs Fund[2]

Overview

The Canada Jobs Fund is successor to a temporary program, the Transitional Jobs Fund (TJF), which ended in 1999. TJF was implemented at the same time as the new Employment Insurance system in July 1996. The fund assists high unemployment areas throughout Canada to develop long-term sustainable employment in areas that have good prospects for future growth.

The fund is designed to encourage partnership initiatives with the private sector, provincial and municipal governments, other federal departments, community groups and other organizations to generate new, sustainable jobs in affected communities.

Proposals must clearly demonstrate that they will lead to the creation of sustainable jobs. They should also be consistent with the strategic plan for local/regional economic development. Proposals must have the support of the province/territory in which the activity will take place.

The program can be used for a variety of initiatives. For example, financial assistance may be provided to:

- private sector employers who will create jobs by expanding existing businesses, providing a new service in the community, or manufacturing new products;
- individuals planning to create jobs by starting their own businesses;
- community partners who are working to create sustainable employment and diversify their economy in growth sectors such as tourism, aquaculture, and technology; and
- local stakeholders, including unions and workers, affected by plant or business closures who are combining their resources to restart operations and generate employment.

Mandate and objectives

The Canada Jobs Fund mandate is to strengthen the capacity of communities to become self reliant. The program objective is to create long-term sustainable employment in high unemployment areas.

[2] The information in this section has not been confirmed by the funding agency.

Intended beneficiaries

To participate in projects, individuals must be facing labour market difficulties as a result of high unemployment in their area. Businesses, organizations, individuals, public health and educational institutions, municipalities, and band/tribal councils may apply to receive funding.

Eligible costs and activities

Financial assistance may be provided to cover wages, employment related costs (such as Workers Compensation costs), administrative costs, overhead, and capital costs. Other partners must contribute at least 50 per cent of the total project costs.

Application process

Continuous intake through local HRDC offices. Often a business plan is used as the basis for an application.

Decision making and accountability structure

For all programs, applications are assigned to a Programs and Services Officer who does an analysis of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, and passes it to colleagues for review. An executive summary is drawn up. If the application is approved by staff, a nine-page check list is used. Selected proposals are sent to the regional office for further review. Proposals recommended by the regional office are forwarded to the minister for approval.

Annual volume of funds allocated

Approximately $5.5 million for BC/Yukon.

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Human Resources Development Canada: Community Learning Networks

Overview

The HRDC Office of Learning Technologies provides up to $300,000 over three years for delivery of Community Learning Network Pilot Projects.

A working definition of Community Learning Networks (CLNs) is "community-controlled structures and systems aimed at furthering community development and enhancing the lives of their constituencies by supporting and encouraging lifelong learning."

Key CLN components are:

- the use of technologies as tools to support and enable learning and networking;
- strong community participation or community control at the local level; and
- the promotion of individual and community development.

National, regional or interprovincial resource groups may receive funding to test innovative approaches in providing expertise and support to community learning networks and to facilitate the development of community learning network pilot projects.

It is expected that project sponsors will have track records (personally or through their partners) in developing or delivering community-based, technology-assisted learning opportunities. They will work in partnerships that may include the private sector, the voluntary sector, co-operatives, sector councils, band or tribal councils, labour or professional associations, provincial governments, municipal governments, libraries, schools, or federal departments or agencies.

Mandate and objectives

The purpose of the CLN Initiative is to support time-limited pilot projects, in partnership with community organizations, that can offer multi-point access to a variety of learning resources within and across communities. These pilot projects may develop new models or enhance existing exemplary models that other communities can learn from, adapt, or build on to promote and increase access to learning opportunities enhanced by technologies.

Pilot projects will meet one or a combination of the following objectives:

- to test new approaches or to extend exemplary approaches in using community-based access points and networks for learning objectives in communities where the technological infrastructure is in place;
- to explore new ways of providing access to appropriate and effective learning opportunities enabled by learning technologies for: unemployed Canadians, employed Canadians who want or need to upgrade their skills and knowledge, and/or Canadians with special needs who experience barriers to participating fully in society;
- to develop expertise in the creative uses of learning technologies in communities where organizational capabilities and partnerships can ensure the likelihood of long-term success; and
- to develop models of national, regional or interprovincial centres of expertise that would provide guidance and support to emerging or established community learning networks.

The purpose is not to set up new delivery systems or to provide ongoing core support to existing delivery systems.

Intended beneficiaries

Community-based, not-for-profit organizations working closely with partners who can provide a wide range of expertise and support are eligible for funding.

Eligible costs and activities

Financial support will be provided for pilot projects on a cost-sharing basis (normally up to 50 per cent) with sponsoring organizations and other partners.

Funding — up to $100,000 per year for a maximum of three years — will be available for community learning networks pilot initiatives and for national, regional or interprovincial resource projects, primarily for salaries and evaluation costs.

Developmental funding — up to $25,000 for a maximum of six months — may, in some cases, be provided to undertake preliminary work required to develop a comprehensive proposal/business plan, including partnerships and an evaluation framework for the pilot project. This funding would be over and above any amount that would be provided for implementing the pilot project. Cost-sharing is not a requirement for the developmental phase.

Ineligible costs include the following:

- costs associated with the implementation and maintenance of a technological infrastructure (e.g.: Internet access/costs of connectivity and ongoing technological support); and
- capital expenditures related to the purchase, construction or renovation of buildings.

Application process

The first step in the application process is the submission of a letter of intent. Once the letter of intent has been evaluated, the proponent may be invited to apply for developmental phase funding or, if a developmental phase is not required, to submit a full pilot project proposal. If the proponent is invited to apply for funding, HRDC officials will be available to provide guidance and may visit the project's site. You will be contacted if further information is required and upon completion of the review process.

Proposals for projects (maximum duration of three years) must be sent by March 31, 2002.

Decision making and accountability structure

All pilot project plans are reviewed by external evaluators who are experts in the field. Recommendations are then made to the Minister of HRDC for approval. All Development Funding Proposals or Letters of Intent are reviewed by Office of Learning Technologies staff and external evaluators who are experts in the field. Recommendations are then made to the Director of the Office of Learning Technologies for approval.

Annual volume of funds allocated

$6.5 million in project funding and close to $1 million in research funding (2000-01 figures).

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Human Resources Development Canada: Local Labour Market Partnerships

Overview
Local Labour Market Partnerships work through local, regional or provincial partners to help communities, workers and employers improve their capacity to address human resource requirements and to adjust to changing labour market circumstances.

Projects can be negotiated for up to 3 years.

Mandate and objectives
The objective of the program is to test new ways of helping people become productive participants in the labour force, and to help to build national, provincial and local level capacity to address issues in the labour market.

Intended beneficiaries
Unemployed people.

Eligible costs and activities
The program funds a variety of time-limited projects. Core funding and direct client services are ineligible. Eligible costs include research or technical studies, professional service fees, wages, and rental of equipment or premises.

Application process
Continuous intake through local HRDC offices.

Decision making and accountability structure
Local HRDC offices have a multi-program budget and can assess individual Local Labour Market Partnership projects. Projects up to a certain volume (depending on local office staffing) may be locally approved.

Annual volume of funds allocated
Information not available. Volumes of LLMP funding fluctuate depending on several variables, including local office budget allocations to the program and the volume and quality of proposals received.

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Industry Canada: Aboriginal Business Canada[3]

Overview

Since 1989, Aboriginal Business Canada has worked with over 5,000 firms, providing financial and non-funded support. Program investments of over $300 million have led to an infusion of almost a billion dollars into the Aboriginal private sector.

Mandate and objectives

Aboriginal Business Canada is dedicated to working with Aboriginal entrepreneurs to promote the development, competitiveness and success of Aboriginal business in Canadian and world markets. It seeks to build:

- a competitive, sustainable Aboriginal economy actively linked with the economies of Canada and the world;
- an economy based on traditional Aboriginal values, led and managed by Aboriginal entrepreneurs and managers;
- nationally and internationally recognized Aboriginal corporations leading in traditional and 'new economy' industries; and
- successful Aboriginal entrepreneurs who can serve as role models to encourage and inspire new generations.

Aboriginal Business Canada has identified the following four strategic priorities for growth:

- expanding markets and trade opportunities;
- encouraging the widespread use of technologies;
- developing the potential of aboriginal youth; and
- strengthening financial and business development organizations.

Intended beneficiaries

Intended beneficiaries include: Aboriginal entrepreneurs; existing businesses; and community development corporations owned by First Nations.

Eligible costs and activities

Not specified. The necessary costs for the establishment or expansion of a business.

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[3]The information in this section has not been confirmed by the funding agency.

Application process
Applicants submit a statement of intent. Selected applicants are then invited to submit a detailed business plan, often with help from Aboriginal Business Canada.

Decision making and accountability structure
Applications are assessed internally against Aboriginal Business Canada objectives.

Annual volume of funds allocated
Approximately $4 million per year for BC and the Yukon, of $30 million per year for Canada.

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Department of Justice, National Crime Prevention Centre: Community Mobilization Program

Overview

The Community Mobilization Program, part of Canada's National Strategy on Community Safety and Crime Prevention, is aimed at developing community-based responses to crime. It is administered by the National Crime Prevention Centre.

The program provides funding up to $50,000 per project.

Mandate and objectives

The Community Mobilization Program supports initiatives that strengthen understanding of crime prevention, build crime prevention capacity, deal with the underlying causes of crime and foster safer communities in Canada. The program recognizes that successful outcomes require interventions that cut across a broad range of personal, social, economic and environmental factors. Therefore, successful initiatives will be multidisciplinary, involving a range of partners.

The following are the key goals of the Community Mobilization Program:

- to increase the development of broad, community-based partnerships that can deal with local crime prevention issues;
- to increase public awareness of and support for crime prevention; and
- to increase the capacity of diverse communities to deal with crime and victimization.

Intended beneficiaries

The program has a particular emphasis on children and youth, Aboriginal people and women.

Eligible costs and activities

Funding may be used to support:

- planning;
- assessment of community needs, assets and capacities;
- outreach activities;
- conferences and seminars;
- public awareness, educational activities and resource materials;
- consensus building;
- network and coalition building; and
- training.

Funding will not be used to support:

- pan-Canadian research and evaluation projects or initiatives (these activities may be eligible for support from the Crime Prevention Investment Fund or the Crime Prevention Partnership Program);
- the core operations of an organization, agency, network or coalition; and
- the duplication of programs and services.

Eligible program expenses include:

- personnel;
- transportation;
- materials;
- equipment;
- rent/utilities; and
- evaluation.

Application process
Semi-annual deadlines, in the spring and fall.

Decision making and accountability structure
Proposals are submitted to the Joint Management Committee, which is co-chaired by the Regional Liaison Consultant and the Director, Community Programs, BC Ministry of Attorney General. Recommended proposals are sent for approval to the National Crime Prevention Centre in Ottawa.

Annual volume of funds allocated
Approximately $2 million for BC.

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Western Economic Diversification Canada: Community Futures

Overview
Western Economic Diversification provides Community Futures Development Corporations with operating funds and investment funding for loan programs.

Community Futures Development Corporations (CFDCs) are non-profit organizations run by a board of local volunteers. CFDCs can provide small and medium-sized businesses and entrepreneurs with access to loans that are not normally offered by financial institutions. They deliver services in all areas of BC outside of the Lower Mainland and Greater Victoria.

Mandate and objectives
CFDCs are designed to encourage rural economic activity and entrepreneurship. The focus of CFDCs is to integrate the social and economic needs of communities to foster and develop a vision for the future.

The mandate of the corporations is community and business development. Each CFDC delivers a variety of services ranging from local strategic economic planning, technical and advisory services to businesses, loans to small and medium-sized businesses, self-employment assistance programs, and employment programs that target young Canadian entrepreneurs.

Each CFDC develops its own objectives.

Intended beneficiaries
Not specified. Some CFDCs are designed to deliver programs for Aboriginal communities.

Eligible costs and activities
Not specified.

Application process
Each CFDC has its own application process.

Decision making and accountability structure
Each CFDC has its own process for approving loan applications, typically involving a loans committee.

Annual volume of funds allocated
$18 million per year in Western Canada.

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4 Non-Government Programs

BC Coalition for Safer Communities

Overview

The BC Coalition for Safer Communities, or the BCCSC, is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to helping communities work together to reduce crime and violence. Founded in 1990, the BCCSC was established in response to a growing crime rate, coupled with an ever increasing demand for action. Working together with various members from the community, including organizations supporting children and youth, health care providers, women's organizations, government, police and business, the BCCSC emphasizes the importance of addressing the root causes of crime.

The BCCSC is not a funding body. Rather, it provides non-monetary assistance to community safety initiatives.

Mandate and objectives

The BCCSC is active in design, development and implementation of effective, community-based crime prevention strategies. It does this through communication, education, community action, and social policy development.

The stated goals of the coalition are to:

- foster safer communities in British Columbia;
- heighten awareness and promote public interest in building safer communities;
- encourage the development of municipal, provincial, and federal crime prevention strategies which address the root causes of crime; and
- assist and support communities through inter-agency collaboration in developing ongoing safer community strategies.

The stated objectives of the Coalition include the following:

- act as an information and referral service at the local, provincial, national, and international levels;
- encourage municipalities to provide leadership in coordinating local strategies, which include representatives from education, housing, health, social services, police and other community agencies;
- assist communities in developing and implementing safer community strategies;

- acknowledge that the fear of crime is a problem for all citizens, particularly women, children, elderly, persons with disabilities, aboriginal people, and visible minorities, and develop coordinated strategies to promote safer communities;
- acknowledge and encourage the participation of First Nation peoples and ethnocultural groups, and work in partnership with these groups;
- support the development of policies at and between all levels of government which promote an integrated approach to the prevention of crime;
- encourage the continuation and development of public, private, and community partnerships to promote safer communities at the local level; and
- liaise with the Union of B.C. Municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in developing programs and strategies.

Intended beneficiaries
Residents of BC, particularly marginalized populations (e.g. women and aboriginal people).

Application process
Continuous intake.

Decision making process and accountability structure
As a non-profit, the Coalition has an elected Board and a membership (individuals and organizations).

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Community Economic Development Technical Assistance Program (CEDTAP)

Overview of program

CEDTAP is a Canada-wide matching service that brings communities and technical assistance providers together to harness the job creation, social and economic spin-offs that community economic development can offer.

The program coordinates and funds small and medium-sized technical assistance assignments, valued at $5,000 to $25,000, to help local organizations build community as a means to sustainable social and economic development. CEDTAP's goal is to work with 125 communities across Canada by 2001, with emphasis on groups that face special economic or social challenges.

CEDTAP is funded by The J.W. McConnell Family Foundation and managed by The Centre for the Study of Training, Investment and Economic Restructuring (CSTIER) in the Faculty of Public Affairs and Management, Carleton University, in Ottawa.

Mandate and objectives

CEDTAP is a four-year national effort to promote job creation, entrepreneurship, and local self-reliance in communities across Canada. It aims to broaden and strengthen the performance of community economic development within local organizations and among professionals.

Program objectives are to:

- make available technical and professional assistance in community economic development (CED) in order to strengthen local communities and groups and to maximize social and economic benefits;
- strengthen the capacity of technical assistance (TA) provider organizations;
- enhance the legitimacy and effectiveness of CED as a means of addressing issues of poverty and inequity in Canada; and
- test a truly national, innovative program model.

Intended beneficiaries

CEDTAP's priority is to support projects that directly address the needs of Canadians who have been marginalized by low income, unemployment, geographic isolation, language, or some other factor.

Eligible costs and activities

Technical assistance consulting fees, expenses, and travel.

Application process
Continuous intake. An on-line application process is available.

Decision making and accountability structure
CEDTAP uses a grid based on CED principles. A selection committee makes decisions, and then provides a pre-approval letter to the applicant. The applicant then selects a service provider (consultant), and jointly develops a budget, and list of deliverables. The program is supported by an advisory panel.

Annual volume of funds allocated
Approximately $500,000 (1999-2000).

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Columbia Basin Trust: Spending Program

Overview

The Trust is a unique organization which works with the people of the Canadian Columbia Basin to bring social, economic and environmental benefits to the region most affected by dam construction under the Columbia River Treaty.

Income earned from the investment program (currently about $3.75 million per year) is spent to bring social, economic and environmental benefits to the region as identified in the Columbia Basin Management Plan.

The Trust has three program tiers: a Basin Tier; a Geographic Tier; and a Sector Tier (see decision making and accountability structure, below).

Mandate and objectives

The Trust supports efforts by the people of the Basin to create a legacy of social, economic and environmental well-being and to achieve greater self-sufficiency for present and future generations.

The Columbia Basin Management Plan identifies specific goals and objectives, including the following eight goals for the Spending Program:

- to increase the capacity of basin communities to identify and meet their own needs;
- to maintain healthy ecosystems in a naturally functioning state and to improve the functioning of those that have been altered or degraded;
- to promote access to education and training which will help residents adapt to economic changes;
- to help address the problems of poverty in the basin;
- to assist in the prevention of social problems;
- to help ensure that the management of water issues related to the Columbia River Treaty takes account of the regions's interests in a range of values;
- to enhance basin heritage and culture; and
- to promote learning and make information on the basin easily accessible.

Intended beneficiaries

Columbia Basin residents as defined by the *Columbia Basin Trust Act.*

Eligible costs and activities

Not specified broadly (variable across various program tiers/components).

Application process
Application processes vary across the three funding tiers (see below).

Decision making and accountability structure
Each of the three funding tiers has its own type of decision making process, as outlined below.

Basin Tier: programs developed by the Trust, including the Youth Links program (like regional Katimavik, moving youth around the region). The directors and staff make decisions about funding in this Tier.

Geographic Tier: partnership with seven local governments to administer monies (RDCK, RDEK, KBRD, Ktanaxa-Kinbaske Tribal Council, Village of Valemont, City of Revelstoke, Town of Golden); allocation every year - projects funded on a local basis, using a local process.

Sector Tier: allocated into five sectors (social, economic, environmental, cultural and educational). Each sector has a steering committee that brings forward program recommendations, on an annual basis, to the Trust for approval. Projects which meet the program criteria are funded under each of the sector's annual programs.

The Columbia Basin Management Plan states that "the Trust is accountable to the residents of the basin for its investment and spending decisions." This accountability is achieved through the plan, which reflects input from residents and was prepared with assistance from the Trust's Advisory Committee. The plan contains a set of guiding principles for investment and spending which are designed to support accountability.

Annual volume of funds allocated
The 1999-2000 budget for the spending program was approximately $3.75 million.

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Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada

Overview of program

The Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada (CDF) is a national registered charity that belongs to cooperatives and credit unions across Canada. CDF provides credit union and co-op development projects around the world and, to a lesser extent, within Canada. The domestic component will in the future be carried out through the Canadian Co-operative Association (CCA).

Mandate and objectives

CDF has a primarily international development mandate. It works with the Canadian Co-operative Association as a funding partner. It aims to bring about sustainable development through investment in co-operative development.

The specific objectives of future domestic programs will be determined through CCA and domestic funding partners.

Intended beneficiaries

Existing and new cooperatives, and the cooperative sector as a whole. The future domestic program may have a regional focus, depending on the mandate of funding partners.

Annual volume of funds allocated

In 1998-99, four project grants were made in Canada which averaged $7,000 each.
In 1999-00, $25,000 was allocated (to co-op development in the North West Territories).

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The Co-operators: Co-op Development Program

Overview
This national program provides small grants ($3,000 - $10,000) and investments (up to $25,000) to cooperative enterprises.

Mandate and objectives
To assist emerging/developing cooperatives or similarly structured organizations.

Intended beneficiaries
Cooperatives or democratically structured organizations.

Eligible costs and activities
Feasibility studies, promotion, skill development (anything that will help a co-op move forward and be sustainable in the long run).

Application process
Application form is available upon request.

Decision making and accountability structure
A four-person committee makes decisions, with input from people who have knowledge of the applicant and the local context.

Annual volume of funds allocated
Up to $50,000 for grants and $150,000 for investments.

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The Co-operators: Community Economic Development Fund

Overview
The Co-operators CED Fund, which includes the Co-operators 50th Anniversary Fund, provides support for diverse projects in Canada, including housing projects (e.g. Mole Hill in Vancouver), and community-based initiatives that result in economic self-sufficiency.

Mandate and objectives
The mandate is to provide assistance to people that are marginalized. The Fund supports activities that are self-sustaining in the long term, with ongoing partnerships. The fund seeks to support innovation – development of a model or a one-of-a kind initiative.

Intended beneficiaries
Marginalized people.

Eligible costs and activities
Not specified.

Application process
Application form is available upon request.

Decision making and accountability structure
A Board of Directors, including Co-operators management, directors, and external representatives, makes decisions on funding.

Annual volume of funds allocated
Approximately $100,000 per year.

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Gwaii Trust

Overview
The Federal Government provided $38 million for a fund as part of its compensation for the termination of logging in South Moresby Park (1998). The current fund now exceeds $53 million. Gwaii Trust delivers a range of programs including the following:

- Micro Infrastructure Program, to match funds for community projects.
- Major Infrastructure Program, to renew and enhance infrastructure and to improve access to sources of financing.
- Travel Assistance Program, to match funds for off-island educational and cultural trips.
- Legacy Fund, to support projects in education, training, culture, and the arts, particularly for youth and seniors.

Mandate and objectives
The two central objectives of the Fund are to:

- advance economic diversification and sustainable development; and
- enhance understanding between the communities and cultures on the islands.

Intended beneficiaries
Haida and non-Haida residents of Haida Gwaii (a.k.a Queen Charlottes).

Eligible costs and activities
Varies by program component (see "overview" above).

Decision making and accountability structure
A Board of four Haida and four non-Haida make all funding decisions (other than travel assistance programs), by consensus. The Board meets every four to six weeks. If consensus cannot be reached after three meetings, consensus minus one is adopted.

Annual volume of funds allocated
$2.5 - $3 million.

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Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund Society

Overview

The Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund Society was set up as part of the BC-Alcan 1997 agreement associated with the Kemano Completion Project.

The society offers two grant programs, both focused on Community Economic Development:

- community grants for projects which improve the basic facilities, equipment, services or installations needed for growth, jobs, community stability and quality of life; and
- economic development capacity grants to develop community and regional capacity to generate economic development.

Mandate and objectives

The Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund (NKDF) Society's funding programs are aimed at fulfilling its mandate:

To promote sustainable economic activity in northern communities impacted by the Kitimat-Kemano Project and by the creation of the Nechako Reservoir. A permanent NKDF, which is sustained through investment, will fund programs and projects with goals of economic development and community stability that are consistent with each community's values.

Intended beneficiaries

Residents of the Nechako Region and Kitamaat Village.

Application process

Continuous intake. Guidelines are provided.

Decision making and accountability structure

The Board of NKDF Society makes funding decisions, with input from outside experts as needed. The minister responsible for the *BC-Alcan Northern Development Fund Act* is responsible for management of the fund. The minister is responsible for approving the society's business plan and for overseeing administration of the fund through annual reporting and review.

Annual volume of funds allocated
$1 million for 2000-2001. The Province and Alcan each contributed $7.5 million to the fund, for a total fund of $15 million to be invested in perpetuity.

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Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia

Overview
The Foundation's current emphasis is on four program themes:

- real estate industry excellence;
- housing and finance issues;
- real estate and land use information for B.C. communities; and
- environment and land use concerns.

Mandate and objectives
The Real Estate Foundation is a non-profit, philanthropic organization created in 1985 by an amendment to the Real Estate Act (B.C.). The Foundation's mission is to use its resources for the benefit of British Columbians by supporting efforts that improve all aspects of land use and real estate practices.

The Real Estate Foundation provides project funding and endowment grants to non-profit organizations. Endowment grants are available only to organizations with charitable status (federal tax number). Project funding is granted to help an organization attain the specific goals of an endeavour in a specific time--preferably less than two years.

Intended beneficiaries
Grants go to non-profit societies and local government.

Criteria for environment and land use projects are: projects that contribute to sustainable land use and that emphasize the governance aspects of such land use. The project must be in the context of land use planning, policy, or legislation (linked to public priorities).

Eligible costs and activities
Regular operating costs are not eligible. Project funding only.

Funded activities within the environment and land use category include:

- public education;
- conferences;
- professional development;
- research;
- law reform;
- mapping and inventory;
- watershed based planning;
- habitat restoration; and
- mapping work.

Activities not funded include:

- research focused on the science of conservation;
- website development;
- toxic pollution work;
- development of sports fields, camps and other recreational facilities;
- land acquisition; and
- lobbying or advocacy.

Application process
Continuous intake for small grant applications (up to $5,000) and quarterly deadlines for larger applications.

Decision making and accountability structure
The Real Estate Foundation is directed by a Board of Governors consisting of five appointed members. The British Columbia Real Estate Association, the Real Estate Council of British Columbia, and the Real Estate Institute of British Columbia each appoint one member. The Minister of Finance appoints two members who serve terms at his/her pleasure. The appointees of the industry bodies serve three year terms.

Annual volume of funds allocated
$2.9 million in grants allocated in 1999. Amounts ranged from $1,500 to $300,000.

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Rising Tide Development Corporation
(a subsidiary of Pacific Coast Savings Credit Union)

Overview
Rising Tide accepts applications for repayable financing, primarily for a new category of loans at Pacific Coast Savings Credit Union (PCS). The geographic scope is Vancouver Island.

Mandate and objectives
The purpose of Rising Tide is to improve access to capital for Community Economic Development (CED) initiatives. It also facilitates leveraging of PCS resources for CED. Specific objectives include the following:

- expanded participation in the economy (job creation);
- strengthened support networks in the community; and
- increased resources focused on CED (leveraging other partners).

Intended beneficiaries
Rising Tide is designed to serve initiatives which do not qualify for a conventional loan (e.g., groups of people who do not have collateral and/or are not fully participating in the economy).

Eligible costs and activities
Application fees and rates are as per Pacific Coast Savings standard charges.

Application process
A business plan must be submitted through Pacific Coast Savings Head Office, attention Rising Tide (see contact information below).

Decision making and accountability structure
Rising Tide is a subsidiary of PCS, and its Board is made up of five PCS representatives and four external representatives. These are appointed by the board to fill in skill sets and ensure representation of the various stakeholders in the community. The Rising Tide Board recommends loans for approval by PCS.

Annual volume of funds allocated
Rising Tide has a credit portfolio of over $2.5 million.

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Seniors Foundation of British Columbia: Seniors' Funding

Overview

The Seniors Foundation of BC is dedicated to the concept of seniors helping seniors help themselves and thereby lead fuller, more active lives. Its mission is to be an effective fundraiser and the principal non-government organization assisting seniors' groups throughout BC.

The Foundation operates lotteries (licensed by the BC Gaming Commission) and conducts other fundraising activities to provide the funds to support seniors groups, provide services for seniors and contribute to projects which benefit seniors. The current maximum funding for a group is $10,000 within a five-year period.

Mandate and objectives

The ultimate outcome of the Foundation's funding is to keep seniors healthy and active within their own communities.

Intended beneficiaries

Seniors and seniors organizations throughout BC.

Eligible costs and activities

Eligible expenses include:

- furnishings and equipment for seniors' centres and seniors' complexes;
- computers, photocopiers and other items for seniors' organizations;
- lift-equipped vans and buses;
- recreation and cultural equipment and facilities; and
- materials for educational and medical programs.

Application process

The Foundation accepts requests for grant applications on a continuous basis. If the request meets a set of general criteria, an application form is sent. The entire process usually takes from 3 to 6 months.

Decision making and accountability structure

The Grants Committee (of the Seniors Foundation of BC Board) reviews all applications, those recommended get sent to the Gaming Commission, and the final list goes to the full Board for approval.

Annual volume of funds allocated
Funding depends on amount raised through the Seniors Lottery. In 1999 $220,000 was granted.

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United Way:
Partners in Organizational Development (POD)

Overview

POD is a program that provides grants to non-profit organizations in BC to help them adapt to change, improve their organization and respond to diversity. The funding enables groups to work with an experienced consultant/resource person to enhance organizational effectiveness. Grant requests are considered to a maximum of $5,000.

Established in 1989, the program is a response to the need for non-profit organizations to strengthen their practices and adapt to an increasingly complex environment. Challenged by financial uncertainty, demographic shifts, heightened competition and growing service demands, it has become vital for community groups to have strong governance and management practices and the ability to adapt to ongoing change and diversity.

POD is funded by Multiculturalism BC, Health Canada, City of Vancouver, Vancouver Foundation, and United Way of the Lower Mainland.

Mandate and objectives

POD offers short term support to agencies committed to strengthening their organization.

POD helps organizations address such questions as:

- Are our programs and mission relevant to changing community needs and reflective of diversity?
- Do we have clear goals and strategies?
- Do board and staff have a common understanding of their roles and responsibilities?
- Are our services and practices accessible and sensitive to diverse communities?
- Does our fundraising plan meet our current and future needs?

Intended beneficiaries

Non-profit organizations are welcome to apply if they are registered charitable organizations incorporated under the BC *Societies Act* whose primary mandate is health and social services.

Eligible costs and activities

POD funding can only be used for professional fees of a consultant or resource person. No other expenses are eligible.

There are two funding streams:

1. Access

Activities to increase accessibility and responsiveness to community diversity (cultural, ability, gender, sexual orientation), such as:

- assessment of how governance policies and practices reflect values of diversity;
- assessment and planning for:
  - barrier-free employment and recruitment policies/practices for staff and volunteers;
  - barrier-free and culturally sensitive programs and services; and
  - culturally appropriate communications.

2. Organizational development

Activities to strengthen organizations and improve effectiveness, such as:

- development of plans – in specific areas such as strategic planning, management, financial, fundraising, marketing, or communications;
- facilitation of board/staff development – related to specific governance and management issues; and
- development of strategies for organizational change and renewal.

Funding is not available for:

- development of job descriptions;
- incomplete applications;
- development, implementation or evaluation of *specific programs or services;*
- implementation of plans (as opposed to plan development);
- ongoing operational costs;
- individual staff or volunteer training, or attendance at conferences;
- annual board retreats;
- translation or interpretation services;
- computer or other technological training;
- policy and procedures manuals;
- retroactive requests; and
- room rental, food, beverage or incidental costs associated with organizational development activities.

Application process
Annual deadlines, normally in the fall.

Decision-making and accountability structure
A review committee, composed of representatives of the POD funding partners, considers key factors, including:

- need for financial assistance;
- importance of the issue or challenge facing the organization;
- process the organization has gone through to identify its organizational development needs (Note: A self- assessment tool is available in the application package.); and
- long-term benefit of this activity to the organization.

Annual volume of funds allocated
$155,000.

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VanCity Capital Corporation

Overview
Established in January 1999, VanCity Capital Corporation is a wholly owned subsidiary of VanCity Savings Credit Union. It provides loans ranging from $50,000 to $1,000,000.

Mandate and objectives
The Corporation has a dual purpose:

- to provide unsecured or partially secured "growth financing;" and
- to provide financial expertise through consulting assignments.

Intended beneficiaries
Non-profits and cooperatives in BC that demonstrate a proven ability to repay but lack the tangible assets required to secure conventional financing.

Eligible costs and activities
Not applicable.

Application process
Contact staff.

Decision making and accountability structure
Credit decisions are made by VanCity Capital Corporation's Investment Committee.

Annual volume of funds allocated
Information not available.

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VanCity Community Foundation

Program Overview

Using community economic development strategies, the VanCity Community Foundation acts as a catalyst for positive change in communities. By partnering with local organizations to support a community's capacity for development, the foundation uses grants, lending and technical assistance to support affordable housing, employment development and non-profit enterprise initiatives.

The foundation's endowment includes a number of donor designated Named Funds which are created by individuals or groups wishing to support specific causes within its mandate. As well, the foundation acts as an agent for donors wishing to contribute to other charities and does not charge any administrative fees. Started with a donation of $1 million in 1989, the foundation's endowment fund now totals more than $6 million.

The Enterprising Non-Profits program is a grant program supported by VanCity Community Foundation, United Way of the Lower Mainland, and Vancouver Foundation. It is designed to strengthen registered charities as they develop revenue-generating initiatives. Each year the program provides 8 to 10 matching grants of up to $10,000 for the purchase of technical assistance toward organizational and business plan development. Enterprises must be directly related to the organization's charitable mandate, and have direct socio-economic benefit in their communities such as employment creation for marginalized groups.

Mandate and objectives

The VanCity Community Foundation has community economic development as its goal, and support is given to community-based innovations which produce:

- affordable housing;
- employment development; and
- non-profit enterprise.

With the financial know-how of Canada's largest credit union and strong community ties, the foundation is uniquely positioned to provide community groups with both financial support and sound advice. The core endowment fund of the foundation comes from a dividend share from VanCity as well as donors' bequests and other gifts. Income generated each year is used to support non-profit organizations in BC's Lower Mainland, Fraser Valley and Victoria region.

Intended beneficiaries
Disinvested communities; the Foundation supports projects that deal with poverty.

Eligible costs and activities
Grants may be used for technical assistance, project development, organizational development, and access to credit. Loans may be used for business development and for interim, take-out financing for housing.

Application process
Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the Foundation office to discuss their project prior to developing a proposal. Applications are accepted throughout the year and considered at the quarterly meeting of the Program Review Committee.

Decision making and accountability structure
Program staff are responsible for determining application eligibility and making recommendations to the Program Review Committee. Selected applications are forwarded to the Board of Directors for Approval.

Annual volume of funds allocated
$150,000 in grants and $300,000 in loans.

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VanCity Savings Credit Union: Community Partnership and EnviroFund Programs

Program overview

VanCity has a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Group which oversees the six funding programs listed below.

Branch Funding Program. Each VanCity branch makes grants of between $50 and $500 to community-based initiatives that improve the well-being of its local community.

EnviroFund Grants. Four grants of up to $20,000 per year are awarded to local community initiatives that address specific environmental concerns in the Lower Mainland, Fraser Valley and Greater Victoria area in a positive, constructive, and creative manner. Focuses on larger scale projects. Since 1992, $567,000 has been granted to 27 such environmental projects.

Community Project Grants. Grants of up to $5,000 are available for projects/programs that contribute to the social, economic, and/or environmental well-being of the community.

Community Economic Development Grants. Four grants of up to $20,000 are available for projects/initiatives that combine social and economic development and contribute to the creation of a just and sustainable economy. One of the four grants may be awarded as a Community Leadership Research Grant to support CED research.

Youth Grants. Two grants of up to $20,000 are available for projects that address social, economic, and/or environmental issues from a youth perspective and provide opportunities for youth leadership. Of particular interest are projects that address housing, employment, or education challenges facing youth.

Capacity Building Grants. Grants of up to $5,000 are available to non-profits and co-operatives to support (a) their ongoing work demonstrating high social and/or environmental impact and (b) the development of knowledge, skills, and organizational qualities required to effectively achieve their social and/or environmental missions.

Mandate and objectives

The mandate is to provide financial support to non-profit organizations addressing social, economic and/or environmental issues. Objectives vary across funding streams.

Intended beneficiaries
Residents of the Lower Mainland and Greater Victoria (where VanCity has branches). Non-profit organizations and the people they serve and work with.

Eligible costs and activities
Not specified. A new emphasis will be placed on the support of capacity building for organizations.

Application process
Each funding stream has monthly or annual deadlines.

Decision making and accountability structure
Envirofund program: VanCity conducts a poll of members on environmental concerns. The top three concerns are identified and applications are sought which address these concerns. An ad hoc committee (primarily composed of staff) reviews applications for compatibility with criteria and focus.

Community Partnership program: Staff do preliminary review of applications for completeness and analysis of compatibility with criteria and guiding principles. Final decision rests with the Community Partnership committee that is made up of Board members. Major grants have deadlines once per year.

Annual volume of funds allocated
1999 Partnership Program grants (including CED and major youth grants) totalled approximately $600,000. 1999 Envirofund grants totalled $80,000.

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Vancouver Foundation

Overview
The Vancouver Foundation provides project based funding for program start-up or capital projects within five fields of interest:

- arts and culture;
- children, youth and families;
- education;
- environment; and
- health and social development.

Mandate and objectives
Through the growth and stewardship of permanent endowment funds and the distribution of income to a broad range of eligible organizations, Vancouver Foundation provides philanthropic leadership to improve the quality of life for all British Columbians.

Intended beneficiaries
Registered charities within BC and the populations they serve.

Eligible costs and activities
Eligible costs include: program activities during the start up phase and capital projects (renovations; construction, equipment). Funding is not provided retroactively.

Application process
There is a two-stage process:

- proponents submit a letter of intent; and
- selected applicants are invited to submit a proposal.

Decision making and accountability structure
Program directors screen letters of intent to ensure compatibility with mandate, assess applications, consult with community people, and make recommendations to an advisory committee of volunteers (mostly people who have been successful applicants). The committee makes recommendations to the Board of Directors for approval.

Annual volume of funds allocated
In 1999, discretionary income distributed throughout the fields of interest provided 532 grants totalling $25.7 million.

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Victoria Foundation

Overview
Applicants with charitable status may apply for grants to any of the four major discretionary funds: the Community Fund and three funds for specific populations (as identified below).

Mandate and objectives
The Victoria Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life in southern Vancouver Island through the creation and management of funds gifted in perpetuity, and the distribution of their earnings for charitable purposes including social services, culture, health and education, seniors and youth.

Intended beneficiaries
Residents of southern Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

Three special funds are for specific populations:
- the Kay Fund for Seniors;
- Noxon Fund for cancer, heart & stroke and palliative care; and
- Goodwill fund for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Eligible costs and activities
Not specified.

Application process
Guidelines and an official application form are available from the Foundation web site (see "contact" below). Application deadlines are March 1 and September 1.

Decision making and accountability structure
Volunteer committees make decisions for all four funds (the Community Fund, the Kay and Noxon funds, and the Goodwill fund). Recommendations go to the Board for approval.

Annual volume of funds allocated
Approximately $800,000 was granted in 1999.

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Women's Enterprise Society of BC

Overview

Funded by Western Economic Diversification Canada, the Women's Enterprise Society of BC is a provincial, non-profit organization that assists women entrepreneurs in starting, purchasing or growing a business. Services include financing, free business counseling, training, free business-to-business linking, resource information and referral.

Mandate and objectives

The mandate of WESBC is to provide business loans to women unable to obtain traditional financing and training to women starting or growing a business.

Intended beneficiaries

All women in BC.

Eligible costs and activities

Lending criteria are as follows:

- the business must be at least 51 per cent owned and controlled by a women or women who reside in BC and plan to operate the business in BC;
- loan applications must be accompanied by a comprehensive business plan; and
- applicants are generally required to provide 50 per cent security and 25 per cent equity.

Business counseling (provided free of charge) is available to women entrepreneurs as well as those thinking about starting a business.

Business-to-business linking (provided free of charge) is available to women who have been operating their own business for at least one year. This program is operated in conjunction with the Women's Enterprise Initiatives in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Business information and referral includes information on any topic related to business. If WESBC's friendly and approachable Business Information Coordinator cannot find the answer to your business question, she will refer you to someone who can.

Training services include provision of self-study guides (free of charge) and workshops ($40/half day workshop; $60/full day workshop). Workshop topics currently available include:

- effective decision making
- financial management for beginners
- advanced financial management
- growth management
- marketing for success
- making the news: communicating with the media.

Management support groups ($120 per 16-hour program) are available to women who have been operating a business for a minimum of three years. Modules currently available:

- Who are Your Customers & How Can You Reach Them;
- How to be a More Effective Business Owner;
- Advanced Strategic Planning; and
- How to Set Prices & Control Costs.

Decision making and accountability structure
WESBC is governed by a board of directors made up of women business owners from areas as large as Vancouver and as small as Fort Nelson.

Lending decisions: loans of $10,000 or less are approved by two WESBC business analysts. Loans greater than $10,000 but less than $50,000 are approved by two business analysts and WESBC's executive director. Loans greater than $50,000 must be approved by the organization's loans committee which is comprised of members of WESBC's board.

Annual volume of funds allocated
WESBC administers a $5 million loan fund for women unable to obtain financing from a bank or credit union. Loans can be for a maximum of $100,000, however the majority of the loans WESBC approves are between $2,000 and $50,000.

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Working Opportunity Fund

Overview

The Working Opportunity Fund, a privately managed, labour-sponsored investment fund, invests in small and medium-sized businesses with high growth potential that need equity financing to achieve both domestic and export success. The fund usually invests between $500,000 and $5 million for a minority ownership position. The fund also anticipates the need for follow-on investments to support continued growth. In the course of seeking viable investment opportunities, the fund will often partner with other venture capital funds and strategic partners to raise larger amounts of capital if required.

Mandate and objectives

The Working Opportunity Fund (WOF) provides venture capital to small and medium sized businesses throughout BC. Government's stated objectives in enacting the legislation and registering WOF in 1991 as a privately managed fund were to:

- increase the stable supply of venture capital to small and medium sized
- enterprises and maintain a stable venture capital market in BC;
- involve the labour movement in the economic development of BC and to provide a vehicle for working people to participate in the venture capital market, which is
- traditionally dominated by sophisticated investors; and
- facilitate the evolution of the BC economy from being resource based to being a more knowledge and service-based economy.

Intended beneficiaries

Small and medium-sized businesses in BC, individual BC residents as shareholders, and the BC economy as a whole.

Eligible costs and activities

Eligible business investment must meet each of the following requirements:

- the entity is a B.C. corporation, cooperative association or partnership which, together with its affiliates, on a consolidated basis, has less than $50 million in assets;
- the B.C. entity in which the fund invests will have not more than 20 per cent of its assets located outside of British Columbia;
- the B.C. entity will pay at least 50 per cent of the wages and salaries of the non-consolidated business to employees who regularly work within British Columbia; and
- the business is not, or will not be, substantially engaged in one of the following ineligible business activities (listed below).

Ineligible Investments. Any business which is, or will be, substantially engaged in any one or more of the following activities will be deemed ineligible:

- primary resource exploration or extraction;
- financial services such as providing loans, selling insurance or real estate or trading in securities; property management, the rental or leasing of land, or improvements;
- development or improvement of land;
- retail businesses; or
- agriculture activities other than non-traditional agricultural activities.

Decision making and accountability structure

The fund will usually respond within 10 days of receipt of a business plan. If not interested in a business, staff will explain why and try to direct the applicant to other sources of capital as appropriate. If interested in a business, the fund usually requires 60 to 90 days to conduct a detailed investigation into all aspects of a prospective investee's business.

The investment department does the initial screening and negotiates the terms and conditions of the investment. The investment department's proposal is reviewed by the Advisory Council. The proposal is then presented to the Board for approval.

Annual volume of funds allocated

Invested $41 million in 1999. Total invested since 1992: $162 million.

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Appendix 1: Inventory at a Glance

Provincial Programs

Agency/Program	Mandate	Intended beneficiaries	Resources provided	Application procedure	Annual $ volume[1]	Contact
BC Hydro: Business CARE	Business retention and expansion	BC communities	Up to $25,000 for survey & expenses	BC Hydro waiting list	$50,000	Melinda Entwistle (604) 528-1557
BC Hydro: Outreach Programs	Aboriginal; arts; education, environment	Not specified	Not specified	Continuous intake	$1.5 million	Bill Chatterton (604) 623-3696
Fisheries Renewal BC: Development and Diversification Prog.	Develop and diversify seafood, recreational, Aboriginal fisheries	Fishing communities, workers	Cost sharing up to $150,000	Three times per year	$2 million	Phil Young (604) 660-0935 1-888-467-3639
Fisheries Renewal BC: Planning and Partnership Prog.	Help communities develop a partnership approach - fisheries	Those concerned with BC fisheries	Grants up to $10,000	Continuous intake	$300,000	Phil Young (604) 660-0935 1-888-467-3639
Fisheries Renewal BC: Salmonid Enhancement Prog.	Enhance healthy production of fish	Fishing communities	Conservation, restoration and enhancement	Varies (by reg'l delivery partners)	$10 million	Angus Mackay (604) 660-0936 1-888-467-3639
Forest Renewal BC: Forest Community Economic Dev. Prog.	Develop more diversified forest sector opportunities	Communities facing forest sector unemployment	Grants up to $100,000; loans up to $250,000	Varies (by delivery partners)		Michael Colclough (250) 953-4001
Advanced Education: Youth Community Action (YCAP)	Provide work experience and post-secondary access	Youth aged 15-24	Payments to youth @ $8/hour	Application to local Host Agencies	$3.4 million	Bev Verboven (250) 387-1446

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Agriculture, Fisheries and Food: BUY BC	Increase use of BC food, fish, beverages, agricultural products	Agriculture and food sector	Cost sharing for generic marketing	Continuous intake	Info. not available	Lorraine Saunders (250) 356-2163
Attorney General: Community Programs Division	Prevent youth crime and violence; enhance safety	Youth and communities	Training, support and partnership funding ($50 to $5,000)	Continuous intake	Info. not available	Dave Duckworth (604) 660-1318
Community Dev., Cooperatives and Volunteers: Community Enterprise	Communities broaden opportunities for growth and diversify local economies	Rural, coastal, and resource-based communities	Up to $50,000 for business dev. or capacity building	Continuous intake; regional delivery	$8.2 million	Gail Scott (250) 387-0052
Community Dev., Cooperatives and Volunteers: Community Solutions	Support and empower people to participate, gain employment, enhance quality of life	Multi-barriered, low income people	Up to $25,000 seed funding or up to $50,000 for longer term	Continuous intake	$400,000	Jeff West (604) 660-3463
Community Dev., Cooperatives and Volunteers: Co-op Advantage	Develop new and existing co-operatives; strengthen the cooperative sector	Not specified	Up to $20,000	Continuous intake; expression of interest	Approx. $2 million	Tamara Mah (250) 356-9786 1-877-777-1533
Community Dev., Cooperatives and Volunteers: InVOLve BC	Enhance capacity of volunteer sector, promote volunteerism	Voluntary organizations	Up to $20,000 for org. development or up to $75,000 for demo projects	Continuous intake	$2.2 million	Judith McDonald (250) 387-2935

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Environment, Lands and Parks: Environmental Youth Team	Link youth to employers to work on environmental/outdoor recreation projects	Youth, communities	Youth wages, and project expenses not covered in-kind by other sources	Continuous intake (work crew sponsors)	$10.75 million	David Galbraith (250) 356-7211
Forests: Community Forest Pilot Project	Provide opportunities for community forest management	Not specified	Not applicable	Not accepting applications	Not applicable	Kelly Finck, RPF (250) 387-8315
Multiculturalism and Immigration: BC Anti-Racism and Multiculturalism Prog.	Help carry out activities to meet policy objectives of *Multiculturalism Act*	Immigrants, visible minority women, children/youth, Aboriginal people..	Partnership funding, averaging $10,000 - $15,000	Annual deadline (May)	$1.1 million	(Regional Program Coordinators) (604) 775-0255
Multiculturalism and Immigration: BC Settlement and Immigration Program	Fund services to bring about outcomes for newcomers and host communities	Immigrant newcomers and residents of host communities	Variable activities (multiple funding streams)	Deadlines.	Approx. $5 million	(Regional Program Coordinators) (604) 775-0255
Small Business, Tourism and Culture: Community Venture Capital Program	Create pools of venture capital for regionally based BC businesses	Small businesses and residents striving to diversify local economies	Capital expenditures and working capital	Investors receive 30% refundable tax credit	$7 million in share capital	Todd Tessier (250) 387-0225 1-800-665-6597
Small Business, Tourism and Culture: Employee Share Ownership Program	Support small business: access to capital, job creation, diversification	Small to medium sized businesses with less than $500 million assets	Up to 50% of the costs of registering an Employee Share O. Program	Employee investors receive tax credits	Up to $6 million in tax credits	Ian Harper (250) 387-0225
Social Development & Economic Security: Community Services Fund	Support people to integrate more fully (pre-pre-employment)	Urban dwellers with multiple barriers	Not specified	Variable (regional delivery)	Approx. $4 million	Glenn Lewis (250) 356-6818
Social Development & Economic Security: Industrial Adjustment Service	Act as catalyst to joint development of plans to deal with industrial adjustment	Employers and employees that have agreed to work together	Planning costs	Continuous intake with HRDC or MSDES	$4.6 million	Bob Enright (250) 387-3560 Pamela Byers (604) 666-2361

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Federal Programs

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Agriculture Canada: Canadian Rural Partnership Pilot Projects	Ensure federal programs, policies and activities provide coordinated support	Rural communities, residents	Up to 1/3 of costs; up to $50,000 for salaries, fees, expenses, etc.	Annual (fall) deadlines; submitted to Ottawa	$3 million	Brandon Hughes (250) 352-5170
Business Development Bank of Canada: Financial Products	Help create and develop Canadian small and medium sized businesses	Varies by loan program	Loans for start up, development, and equipment; business advice	Continuous intake	Info not available	1-888-463-6232
Environment Canada and Health Canada: Community Animation Program	Help address human health & environment issues	Non-profit and community groups	Public forums, animation support, skills building, and others	Continuous intake	Info. not available (variable)	Tonya Wilts (250) 595-0306
Health Canada: Canada Action Plan for Children (CAPC)	Enable local groups to meet the needs of children and families	Families who face difficult life circumstances	Personnel, expenses, evaluation fees	3-year cycle (next intake in 2003)	$6.6 million for BC/Yukon	(604) 666-2729

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Health Canada: Population Health Fund	Increase community capacity for action on determinants of health	Non-profits and educational institutions	Not specified	Continuous intake	Approx. $400,000 for BC/Yukon	(604) 666-1747
Human Resources Development Canada: Canada Jobs Fund	Create sustainable employment in high unemployment areas	Individuals facing labour market difficulties	Up to 50% of wages and costs	Info. not available	Info. not available	Loni Protas (604) 666-0707
Human Resources Development Canada: Community Learning Networks	Support projects that offer multi-point access to community learning resources	Community-based non-profit organizations working with partners	Up to $100,000, up to 3 years, up to 50% of costs	Intake up to March 31, 2002	Info. not available	Michael Williamson (819) 994-5278
Human Resources Development Canada: Local Labour Market Partnerships	Test new ways of helping people become productive in the labour force	Unemployed people	Activities that are expected to lead to employment creation	Continuous intake	Info. not available	Loni Protas (604) 666-0707
Industry Canada: Aboriginal Business Canada	Promote the dev., competitiveness and success of Aboriginal business	Aboriginal entrepreneurs, businesses, CD corporations	Not specified	Statement of intent, then business plan	$4 million for BC/Yukon	(604) 666-3871 (613) 954-4064
Justice Canada: Community Mobilization Program	Support crime prevention and safer community initiatives	Focus on children and youth, women, Aboriginal people	Up to $50,000 per project	Spring and fall deadlines	Approx $2 million for BC	Vera Lagassse (604) 660-2914
Western Economic Diversification Canada: Community Futures	Encourage rural economic activity and entrepreneurship	Rural communities.	Not specified	Continuous intake (varies by CFDC)	$18 million for Western Canada	1-888-338-9378 (604) 681-7130 (CFDC Association of BC)

Non-Government Programs

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BC Coalition for Safer Communities	Foster safer communities, reduce crime and violence	BC residents, esp. marginalized populations	Assistance with safer community strategies	Continuous intake	Not applicable	Patty Pearcey 1-877-802-5228
Columbia Basin Trust: Spending Program	Support efforts to create a legacy of social, economic and environmental benefit	Columbia Basin residents	Variable funding across program tiers/components	Variable	$3.75 million	Agnes Kock 1-800-505-8998
Community Economic Development Technical Assistance Program (CEDTAP)	Promote job creation, entrepreneurship, local self reliance	People marginalized by low income, other factors	Technical assistance fees, expenses, travel	Continuous intake	Approx. $500,000 (across Canada)	Jacques Carriere (613) 520)-2600 ext. 1588
Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada	Foster sustainable development through int'l co-operative dev.	Existing and new cooperatives; the sector as a whole	Not specified	Continuous intake	Approx. $25,000 (Canada)	Angela Splinter (613) 238-6711
The Co-operators: Co-op Development Program	Assist emerging or developing co-ops or similar organizations	Cooperatives or democratically structured orgs.	Up to $10,000 for grants, up to $25,000 for investments	Continuous intake	$50,000 in granted, $150,000 invested	Laura Gregson 1-800-265-2662
The Co-operators: Community Economic Development Fund	Support innovation to assist people that are marginalized	Marginalized people	Not specified	Continuous intake	Approx. $100,000 (across Canada)	Laura Gregson 1-800-265-2662
Gwaii Development Fund Trust Society	Advance economic diversification & dev.; enhance understanding	Haida Gwaii (Queen Charlottes) residents	Not specified	Continuous intake	$2.5 - $3 million	Clifford Fregin (250) 626-3654

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Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund Society	Support economic development and job creation	Residents of areas affected by Kitimat-Kemano project	Not specified (a new program)	Not specified	Info. not available	
Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia	Support efforts that improve land use and real estate practices	Non-profit societies and local government	$1,500 to $300,00 for project expenses	Continuous intake	$2.9 million	Pauline Gomez (604) 688-6800
Rising Tide Development Corporation	Improve access to capital for CED initiatives - Van. Island	Initiatives not eligible for conventional loans	Loans (variable amounts)	Continuous intake	Info. not available	Derek Gent (250) 380-3158
Seniors Foundation of British Columbia: Seniors' Funding	Keep seniors healthy and active within their own community	Seniors and seniors organizations	Expenses up to $10,000 over a five-year period	Continuous intake	$220,000	Georgiana Evans 1-800-377-5566
United Way: Partners in Organizational Development (POD)	Support non-profit organizational development	Non-profits	Consultant costs up to $5,000	Annual fall deadlines	$155,000	Judy Kilcup (604) 294-8929 local 250
VanCity Capital Corporation	Provide unsecured "growth financing" and financial expertise	Non-profits and cooperatives with ability to repay	Loans ranging from $50,000 to $1 million	Continuous intake	Info. not available	Pieter van Gils (604) 877-7657
VanCity Community Foundation	Support community innovations for housing, employment, non-profit enterprise	Disinvested communities; projects that deal with poverty	Grants and loans for technical assistance, project development	Continuous intake	$150,000 in grants, $300,000 in loans	Lesley Anderson (604) 871-5373
VanCity Savings Credit Union: CSR Group Programs	Support community well-being, ecology, social justice, youth	Lower Mainland and Greater Victoria residents	Project grants and capacity building for organizations	Monthly or annual deadlines	Approx. $680,000	Kevin Ronaghan (604) 877-7612

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Vancouver Foundation	Improve quality of life for BC residents	Non-profits (in BC) and people they serve	Grants for program start-up, capital projects	Continuous intake; letter of intent	$25.7 million	Valerie Hunter (604) 688-4170
Victoria Foundation	Improve quality of life for Southern Van. Island res.	Non-profits and people they serve	Grants for variable activities (4 funds)	Twice yearly intake	$800,000	Sheila Henley (250) 381-5532
Women's Enterprise Society of BC	Assist women starting or expanding business	Women entrepreneurs	Loans	Continuous intake	Info. not available	1-800-643-7014
Working Opportunity Fund	Provide venture capital to businesses	Small to medium BC businesses	Venture capital investments	Not applicable	$41 million	1-800-563-FUND

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